PLASTIC TOY & PLAY MONEY

OF

GREAT BRITAIN

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INTRODUCTION TO THE 2026 EDITION

Since writing the first version, published in February 2025, many suggestions for additions were provided, from collectors in the UK, Germany, Australia and the U.S.A. We now include a few more items, including a Farthing in plastic: none seen in any plastic toy series before. The modern series with "COPY" on the portraits of Queen Elizabeth are now better researched & presented: it turns out there are at least seven series with distinct characteristics…..We added banknotes which belong to the series where we could. The largest update is presenting many of the original packaging of the decimal series with enhanced data on manufacturers and distributers.

Always keen to include additional pieces so please write with a description of any non-listed piece which should be in this catalogue do write: muis100@hotmail.com. If pictures are required, I ll gladly let you know……

May this catalogue help in finding many new items for your collection: Happy Hunting !

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THE CATALOGUE

Included are pieces for which it is clear, or certain, that they were distributed and played with in Great Britain. Mostly because of the denominations on each piece, or by the shapes and sizes of those pieces in case the words like NEW PENCE or PENCE are not included.

All coins were distributed while Queen Elizabeth II was Queen of Great Britain, unless otherwise stated.

Most coins are made from plastic: from rather thick, robust, to wafer-thin. A few coins are included made from aluminium (as part of a series including plastic coins), and a few made of rubber. These few rubber pieces were also listed by Rogers and by Evans, and with more varieties now known these have found a place in this catalogue once more.

If banknotes or original packaging are known these are included as well: purses, boxes, blister-packs.

NUMBERING

The numbers for individual plastic coins are based on four digits. The number 3 indicates it is a plastic piece (the number 1 and 2 relate to metal, and cardboard pieces in separate publications). The second two digits represent the series. So 310X is a plastic series, series 10. The last digit is the denomination: see table below.

The banknotes in the pre-decimal series are only the One Pound and Ten Shilling banknotes, fitting in nicely with the number 0 and 1 each.

The banknotes in the decimal series are all with a prefix: A for Fifty pounds, B for Twenty pounds, C for Ten pounds, and D for a five Pound Banknote. (The 0 and 1 last number were needed to fit the Two Pound coin, and the One Pound coin in the decimal series). See table below:

PRE-DECIMAL NUMBERING		**DECIMAL NUMBERING**	
		A***0	50 Pound banknote
		B***0	20 Pound banknote
		C***0	10 Pound banknote
		D***0	5 Pound banknote
		E***0	1 Pound banknote
***0	One Pound banknote	***0	
***1	Ten Shillings banknote	***1	2 Pound coin
***2	Halfcrown / 2 1/2 Shillings	***2	1 Pound coin
***3	Florin / 2 Shillings	***3	50 (New) Pence
***4	Shilling	***4	20 (New) Pence
***5	Sixpence	***5	10 (New) Pence
***6	Threepence	***6	5 (New) Pence
***7	Penny	***7	2 (New) Pence
***8	Halfpenny	***8	1 (New) Penny
***9	Farthing	***9	1/2 (New) Penny

RARITY AND PRICING

No prices have been included as most of these series are still available for under £10 / series. These pieces were manufactured in large quantities, for wide distribution, and out of material that is more lasting than, say, cardboard. On global websites one can still buy also older series for very little. Yet,

some series made in quantities have mostly been destroyed, and single pieces seldom encountered. Of Series 31 for the Decimal Training Centre four pieces today are known, owned between three collectors and one piece in a museum, with one denomination known twice. Yet recalling the story David Evans wrote in 2000 on what is now Series 10: “very rare”. Twenty years later this series is seen regularly for £10 /series…... When pieces are Rare this is indicated as know at the time this publication was written.

PRE-DECIMAL CURRENCIES

For those not familiar with the various pre-decimal currencies in the UK:

1 pound = 4 Crowns, or 10 Florins, or 20 Shillings,

One Shilling = 12 Pennies, or 2 X Sixpence, or 4 X Threepence

One Penny = 4 Farthings,

One Crown is two Half-crowns; One Penny is two Halfpennies. (duh…)

TOY BANKNOTE TYPES

Especially the later toy banknotes are close copies of the original banknotes that circulated. They will vary in size, sometimes only printed on one side, or carry words like SPECIMEN. Below table lists the different designs, or Series, of the real banknotes. These Series are referred to if applicable for easy identification. The dates in the table are the earliest found on the real banknotes. Signatures changed regularly but are not listed in this catalogue even if these were printed on the toy notes. Below overview may help identify which British banknotes are as copies in toy sets.

BRITISH BANKNOTES	£5	£10	£20	£50
Series B	Feb-57			
Series C	Feb-63	Feb-64		
Series D	Nov-71	Feb-75	Jul-70	Mar-81
Series E	Jun-90	Apr-92	Jun-91	Apr-94
Series E New	May-02	Nov-00	Jun-99	
Series F			Mar-07	
Series G Polymer	Sep-13	Sep-17		

Series D and E

Series E New and G

Series D and E

Series E New

Series D and E

Series E New and F

Series D and E

GLOSSARY & QUICK IDENTIFIER

Below table lists the texts as found on the coins, banknotes, or packaging as found. Please note these texts are mostly found on one of these, (example: only on the coins, but not on the banknotes, nor on a packaging) or two, rarely on all three.

GLOSSARY	**SERIE NUMBER**
Pre - Decimal	**10 - 29**
Decimal - New Pence	**30 - 59**
Decimal - Pence	**60 - 99**
1952	22
1959	11
1968	99
1968/1983	58
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1992	91, 92
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2001	95, 97
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Both sides the same	30, 33, 37, 39, 51, 66, 72, 87
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Ease * Fun 59
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Linda Cash	25
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Mr. Luckybags	73
Mr. Men post office	77
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National Cash Register Company	30
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PRE-DECIMAL ISSUES

Apart from a few early dated single pieces, it was around 1955 that the first plastic toy coins started to appear including for use at British schools, and in toy games. Plastic is more durable than cardboard, but even so it lasted well into the decimal coinage in the 1970' before plastic toy coins became more frequently used than cardboard – or paper toy coins.

The pre-decimal plastic coins still show up regularly at on-line platforms, and at modest prices. Designs are creative, quality most series very good. Many of the pre-decimal plastic pieces were produced in Hong Kong, at that time a British Territory. Being made overseas may explain some of the unusual denominations like a 4 Shillings (series 11), or a 3 Shillings (series 20).

In only one of the pre-decimal plastic toy coin series a Farthing coin has been found, only seen once & reported now for the first time.

10. PRE-DECIMAL, KIDDICRAFT (1958)

The Kiddicraft brand was established by Mr. Hilary Page in 1932, and he was the inventor of building bricks with grips, an idea LEGO adapted to launch their LEGO bricks. Their last patent dispute was resolved in 1962. In the 1960s the company launched a range of Kiddicraft Miniatures for children between 4- and 10-years old enjoying “playing shops” or “keeping house”. As part of play set S128 - Kiddicraft Bank: in miniature the coins, the paper money, and the bank cheques and pay-in slips from “Martins Bank” so that children could “trade” with Kiddicraft Miniatures. The individual pieces of plastic silver and copper “coinage” state how many Pennies go to a Shilling, how many Shillings make a Pound and so on. The set was marketed from 1958 onward.

A3100: Martins Bank Paying in Book, blue cover, 48mm X 58mm

B3100: Martins Bank Cheque Book, blue cover, 62mm X 26mm

3100: One Pound, green, coronet in central area / value to left / toys to the right, 41mm X 26mm

3101: Ten Shillings, brown, as above but different toys to the right, 41mm X 26mm

3102: Halfcrown, HALF A CROWN / IS / 2 ½ SHILLINGS / OR / 2/-. Grey plastic, 21mm

3103: Florin, ONE FLORIN / IS / TWO SHILLINGS / OR / 2/-. Grey plastic, 17mm

3104: Shilling, 20 SHILLINGS / OR 20 TIMES / 1/- / MAKE ONE POUND. Grey plastic, 15mm

3105: Sixpence, 2 SIXPENCES / OR 2 TIMES / 6D / MAKE ONE / SHILIING. Grey plastic, 12mm

3106: Threepence, 3 PENNIES OR / 3D / MAKE / THREE PENCE. Brass plastic, 12mm

3107: Penny, 12 PENNIES / OR 12 TIMES / 1D / MAKE ONE / SHILLING. Bronze plastic, 19mm

3108: Halfpenny, 2 HALFPENNIES / OR 2 TIMES / 1/2d / MAKE ONE / PENNY. Bronze plastic, 16mm

11. PRE-DECIMAL, BANK OF TOY CASH, 1959

A rare series of full-size toy coins. Each feature a classical style head facing left (helmeted Britannia) or a female facing right with her hair tied back and wearing a tiara (representing queen Victoria, Young Head?). A 4 Shilling piece is a remarkable denomination included in this set and this denomination is very rare. They were made in Hong Kong and are dated 1959.

On shiny flans two denominations are known: a Four Silling piece and a Sixpence piece. Possibly a separate set.

3111: Four Shillings, female head facing right. Rev.: medium 4s. within a wreath. Shiny plastic, 30mm

3112: Halfcrown, female head facing right, reverse: large 2/6 within ornaments. Grey plastic,31 mm

3113: Two Shillings, female head facing right, reverse: large 2/- within a wreath. Grey plastic, 27mm

3114: Shilling, female head facing right, reverse: large 1/- within a wreath. Grey plastic, 23 mm

3115a: Sixpence, helmeted Britannia facing left. Rev.: large 6D within a wreath. Grey plastic, 20 mm

3115b: Sixpence, helmeted Britannia left. Rev.: large 6D within a wreath. Shiny brass plastic, 20 mm

3116: Threepence, helmeted Britannia facing left. Rev.: large 3D within a wreath. Brass pl., 20 mm

3117: Penny, helmeted Britannia facing left. Rev.: large 1D within rosettes. Shiny plastic, 30mm

3117: Penny, helmeted Britannia facing left. Rev.: large 1D within rosettes. Brass plastic, 30mm

3118: Halfpenny, helmeted Britannia facing left. Rev.: large ½ D within rosettes. Brass plastic, 26mm

12. PRE-DECIMAL, FAIRYLITE, NO DATE

The Fairylite brand was used by a British manufacturer of children' toys including Thunderbird puppets and Thunderbird transport vehicles under licence. They also marketed pretend – play sets including cardboard and plastic toy coins. The plastic coins are likely from the same manufacturer as the previous series, with the year 1959 replaced by FAIRYLITE, and with TOY MONEY (instead bank of toy cash). Two denominations are known; the others most likely will exist as well. Two banknotes are known, although found in a Post Office box by Fairylite containing a 1959 dated cardboard coin

series so not certain these notes were also issued alongside the plastic Fairylite issues. Listed for sake of completeness though. Coins are very rare.

3120: One Pound, printed both sides in red.

3121: Ten Shillings printed both sides in blue.

3122: Halfcrown, female head facing right, reverse: large 2/6 within ornaments. Grey plastic, 31 mm

3123: Two Shillings, female head facing right, rev.: large 2s. within ornaments. Grey plastic, 26mm

3126: Threepence, helmeted Britannia facing left. Rev.: large 3d within a wreath. Brass pl., 20 mm

13. PRE-DECIMAL, TOY LAND PLAY MONEY, ND

A high-quality series of which little is known today: no box nor packaging has yet been seen that might shed some light on manufacturer, origin, and use. It has been suggested this series was supplied as an integral part of a larger toy or game and was not available as loose toy money supplied in packets or purses hence its relative rarity. One banknote has been found alongside a few of these coins: both listed. Around 1960. Coins and banknotes are rare.

E3130: One Pound, blue print both sides. “TOY LAND BANK” on obverse. 157mm X 76mm

3132: Halfcrown, female head facing left. RE.: large 2/6. Grey plastic, 32 mm

3133: Two Shillings, female head facing left. RE.: large 2/- within a wreath. Grey plastic, 27mm

3134: Shilling, female head facing left. RE.: large 1/_ in centre. Grey plastic 23 mm

3135: Sixpence, female head facing left. RE.: large 6D in centre. Grey plastic, 20 mm

3136: Threepence, female head facing left. RE.: large 3D in centre. Brass plastic, 22mm

3137: Penny, female head facing left. RE.: large 1/D in centre, red brown plastic, 30mm

3138: Halfpenny, likely to exist but not yet seen

14. PRE-DECIMAL, TOKEN – BRITISH EMPIRE MADE, BANK OF KIDDY CASH, ND

Produced in Hong Kong, early 1960, for use in schools and pretend-play in the UK. The word TOKEN appears above a large numeral of value. Below the numeral is the value in words. Below the value in words the statement: BRITISH EMPIRE MADE. The design is the same on both sides. Four colours exist, (a) silver, (b) brown, (c) dark brown and (d) yellow brass. Likely full sets in each colour were made.

Some coloured coins scarcer than others but all seen regularly like mixed in “Success” play sets, as pictured below.

3140a: 1 Pound, “Bank of Kiddy Cash”, blue

3140b: 1 Pound, “Bank of Kiddy Cash”, green

3141a: 10 Shillings, “Bank of Kiddy Cash”, yellow.

3141b: 10 Shillings, “Bank of Kiddy Cash”, green.

3142a: Halfcrown, large 2/6 in centre, grey plastic, 31 mm

3142b: Halfcrown, large 2/6 in centre, brown plastic, 31 mm

3142c: Halfcrown, large 2/6 in centre, dark brown plastic, 31 mm

3142d: Halfcrown, large 2/6 in centre, yellow brass plastic, 31 mm

3143a: Florin, large 2/- in centre, grey plastic, 26mm

3143b: Florin, large 2/- in centre, brown plastic, 26mm

3143c: Florin, not yet seen

3143d: Florin, large 2/- in centre, yellow brass plastic, 26mm

3144a: Shilling, large 1/- in centre, grey plastic, 23 mm

3144b: Shilling, large 1/- in centre, brown plastic, 23 mm

3144c: Shilling, not yet seen

3144d: Shilling, large 1/- in centre, yellow brass plastic, 23 mm

3145a: Sixpence, large 6D in centre, grey plastic, 20 mm

3145b: Sixpence, large 6D in centre, red brown plastic, 30mm

3145c: Sixpence, large 6D in centre, dark brown plastic, 20 mm

3145d: Sixpence, large 6D in centre, yellow brass plastic, 20 mm

3146a: Threepence, large 3D in centre, grey plastic, 22mm

3146b: Threepence, large 3D in centre, red brown plastic, 22mm

3146c: Threepence, large 3D in centre, dark brown plastic, 22mm

3146d: Threepence, large 3D in centre, yellow brass plastic, 22mm

3147a: Penny, large 1/D in centre, grey plastic, 30mm

3147b: Penny, large 1/D in centre, red brown plastic, 30mm

3147c: Penny, large 1/D in centre, dark brown plastic, 30mm

3147d: Penny, large 1/D in centre, yellow brass plastic 30mm

3148a: Halfpenny, large ½ D in centre, grey plastic, 26mm

3148b: Halfpenny, large ½ D in centre, red brown plastic 26mm

3148c: Halfpenny, large ½ D in centre, dark brown plastic, 26mm

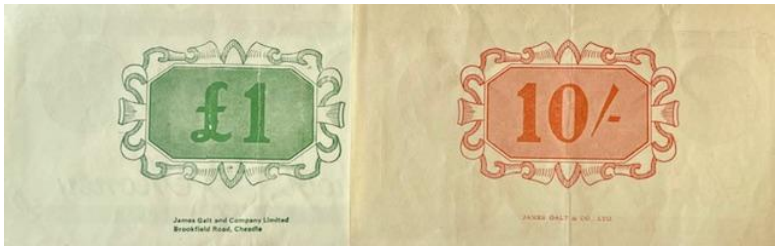
3148d: Halfpenny, large ½ D in centre, yellow brass plastic, 26mm

15. PRE-DECIMAL, TOKEN – JAMES GALT & CO, ND

With similar characteristics as the British Empire Made series this is likely by the same manufacturer. The design is the same on both sides. This series includes a Farthing denomination: the only known Farthing in British plastic toy coins series.

A school box is known by James Galt & Co. and one by Thomas Hope and Sanket Hudson Ltd. Also encountered is a sealed bag with 50 of the Penny pieces by Philip & Tacey, label "Curel". These coins are very common.

For a second series more crudely made, less sharply moulded: see next series. Around 1955.



3150a: One Pound, as banknote 1673b in “Early Stages” box James Galt & Co for 1953 cardboard coins: printed on white paper in light green. Text:” for school used only / representing / One / Pound”. To the left in hatched circle a school building with central tower, to the right in hatched circle “One Pound”. Below “school / £1 / money”. Above and below a horizontal ornamental bar. Reverse: large central medallion with “£1”. Text at bottom in small print: “James Galt & Co. Ltd”.

3150b: as 3150a, but text at bottom JAMES GALT & COMPANY LIMITED / BROOKFIELD ROAD, CHEADLE” in two lines

3151a: Ten Shillings, as 3150a but Ten Shillings, or 10/-

3151b: Ten Shillings, as 3150b, but Ten Shillings, or 10/-

3152: Halfcrown, large 2/6 in centre. TOKEN (above), HALF CROWN (below). Grey plastic, 30mm

3153: Two Shillings, large 2/- in centre. TOKEN (above), TWO SHILLINGS (below). Grey plastic 27mm

3154: Shilling, large 1/- in centre. TOKEN (above), ONE SHILLING (below). Grey plastic, 22mm

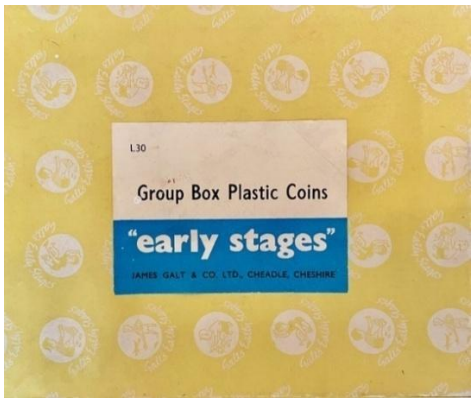
3155: Sixpence, large 6d in centre. TOKEN (above), SIXPENCE (below). Grey plastic, 18mm

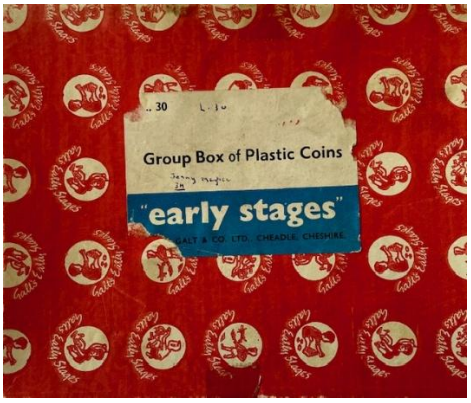
3156: Threepence, large 3d in centre. TOKEN (above), THREE PENCE (below). Brass plastic, 20mm

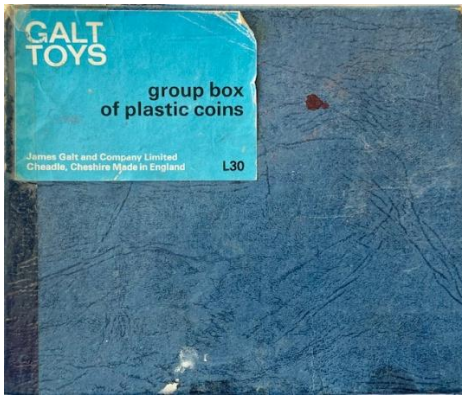
3157: Penny, large 1d in centre. TOKEN (above), ONE PENNY (below). Red brown plastic, 30mm

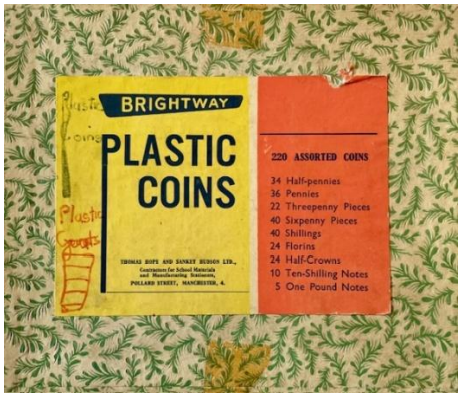
3158: Halfpenny, large ½ d in centre. TOKEN (above), HALF PENNY (below). Red brown pl., 24mm

3159: Farthing, large ¼ d in centre. TOKEN (above), FARTHING (below). Red brown pl., 22mm. Very rare, only one piece seen. Ex. David Magnay collection









17. PRE-DECIMAL, TOKEN, MOULDING LESS SHARP, ND

With similar characteristics as the British Empire Made series this is likely by the same manufacturer. The design is the same on both sides. See previous series for more sharply versions. Of this second series only the Halfcrown and Sixpence are currently known, the others likely to exist. Around 1955.

3172: Halfcrown, large 2/6 in centre. Grey plastic, 31mm

3175: Sixpence, large 6d in centre. Grey plastic, 18mm

18. PRE-DECIMAL, TOKEN COIN, ND

With similar characteristics as the above TOKEN series this is likely by the same manufacturer. “TOKEN COIN” on top (instead “TOKEN). The design is the same on both sides. Much more scarce compared the previous series. Around 1960.

3182: Halfcrown, large 2/6. TOKEN COIN (above); HALF CROWN in centre. Grey plastic, 31 mm

3183: Two Shillings, large 2/- in centre. Grey plastic, 26mm

3184: Shilling, large 1/- in centre. Grey plastic, 23 mm

3185: Sixpence, large 6D in centre. Grey plastic, 20 mm

3186: Threepence, large 3D in centre, pale yellow plastic, 22mm

3187: Penny, large 1/D in centre, red brown plastic, 30mm

3188: Halfpenny, large ½ D in centre, red brown plastic, 26mm

20. PRE-DECIMAL, KIDDY CASH SERIES WITH LION ON CROWN, ND

This is a Kiddy Cash series, all with Kiddy Cash around value, and on all denominations a reverse with a lion standing on a crown (as on the George VI Shilling pre-1952). This series include five denominations, of which two not seen in other plastic coin series: a Three Shilling piece, and a Two Penny piece. As for the distinct Lion reverse present on all denominations listed as a separate series. Around 1950.

3201: Three Shillings, KIDDY CASH around 3-. Yellow (“golden”) plastic., 14mm. Very rare

3205a: Sixpence, KIDDY CASH around 6D. Grey plastic,

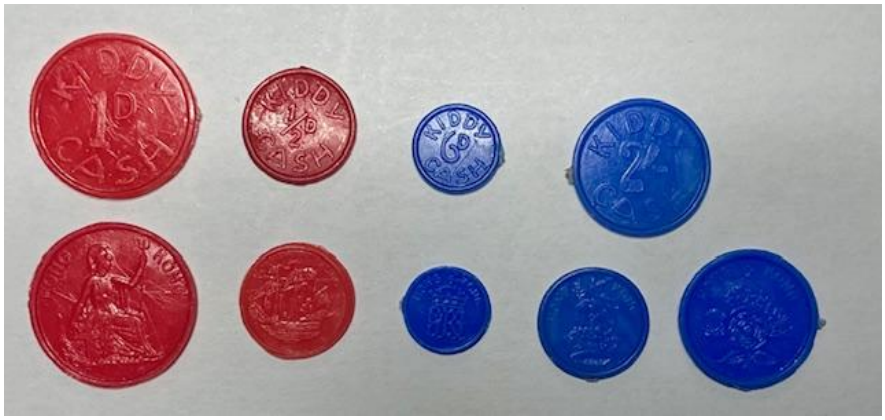
3206a: Threepence, KIDDY CASH around 3D. Grey plastic, 18mm.

3206b: Threepence, KIDDY CASH around 3D. Yellow (“golden”) plastic, 18mm.

A3206: Twopenny, KIDDY CASH around 2D. Yellow (“golden”) plastic, 13mm. Rare

3207: One Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1D. Grey plastic, 18mm

21. PRE-DECIMAL, KIDDY CASH SERIES WITH BRITISH DESIGNS, ND



A Kiddy Cash series made in Hong Kong, as stated on each coin. The quality is now improved, designs sharper yet also here varieties exist. These pictorial series copy British coin designs. All are with small diameters. The “Silver” in silver (a) or blue (b) plastic, and the “Coppers” in silver or (a), in red (b), or in yellow (c, d) plastic. On the Penny and Halfpenny, varieties have the letter G in Hong Kong with rounded back, or with the G straight backed. The Halfcrown not yet seen. These coins were sold in small plastic sets in which three banknote E3210. A shop display “Blue Box Saving Bank” with 19 plastic sets remaining has survived, testimony how these Kiddy Cash coins were marketed. From around 1955.

3210: One pound, No. 35682, “Made in Hong Kong”. Printed Red and Green on white paper.

3212: Halfcrown, not seen in closed sets so not likely to exist.

3213a: Two Shillings, KIDDY CASH around 2/-; rose between thistle as George VI. Grey plastic, 14mm

3213b: Two Shillings, KIDDY CASH around 2/-; rose between thistle as George VI. Blue plastic, 14mm

3214a: Shilling, KIDDY CASH around 1S; lion standing on crown as George VI coins. Grey pl., 12mm

3214b: Shilling, KIDDY CASH around 1S; lion standing on crown as George VI coins. Blue pl., 12mm

3215a: Sixpence, KIDDY CASH around 6d; GR monogram as on George VI coins. Grey plastic, 10mm

3215b: Sixpence, KIDDY CASH around 6d; GR monogram as on George VI coins. Blue plastic, 9mm

3216a: Threepence, KIDDY CASH around 3D; Lion standing on crown. Grey plastic, 18mm

3216b: Threepence, KIDDY CASH around 3D; Lion standing on crown. Bronze plastic, 18mm

3217a: Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1d; Britannia seated right. G rounded. Grey plastic, 17mm

3217b: Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1d; Britannia seated right. G rounded. Red plastic, 17mm

3217c: Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1d; Britannia seated right. G straight. Bronze plastic, 17mm

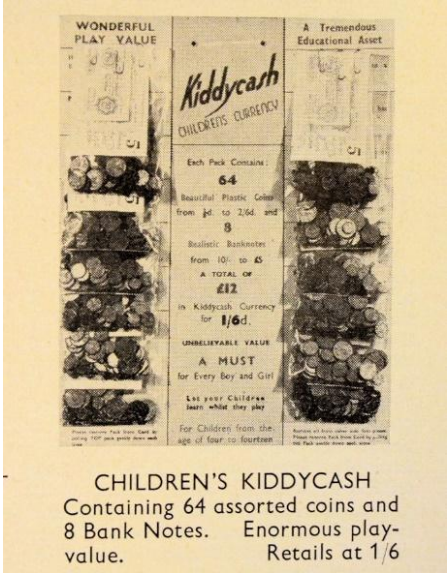
3217d Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1d; Britannia seated right. G rounded. Bronze plastic, 17mm

3218a: Halfpenny, KIDDY CASH around 1/2d; Ship sailing right. G straight. Grey plastic, 12mm

3218b: Halfpenny, KIDDY CASH around 1/2d; Ship sailing right. G rounded. Red plastic, 12mm

3218c: Halfpenny, KIDDY CASH around 1/2d; Ship sailing right. G straight. Bronze plastic, 12mm

3218d: Halfpenny, KIDDY CASH around 1/2d; Ship sailing right. G rounded. Bronze plastic, 12mm



22. PRE-DECIMAL, KIDDY CASH, RANDALL AND WOODS, OBVERSE = REVERSE, ND

Sold via Randall and Woods, produced over an extended period. A later Kiddy Cash series, again with small diameters, and with the obverse the same as the reverse. The full set of coins (but without the Farthing) including banknotes is known in an “educational” box and many play sets. This explains the varieties in colour of the plastic, but also in coin-designs. Especially the “copper” coins are found with varieties some of which are listed. The Threepence, Penny and Halfpenny are each in Yellow (a), copper (b) or Bronze (C) coloured plastic.

On the ½ Penny the length bar ½ varies, sometimes different on the two sides. Letters are bold, or slim. A rare variety is where “Kiddy Cash” is spelled “KViddy Cash” or the “K” looks like a high-bar letter “H”. From around 1960.

The banknotes are all signed by “Santa Claus”.

D3220: Five pounds “Bank of Kiddy Cash”, N32 123, dated 2 May 1952. Black print on white paper

E3220: One pound “Bank of Kiddy Cash”, N04 12345, no date. Dark green print on light green paper

F3220: Ten Shillings, “Bank of Kiddy Cash”, AB 3 E 9876, no date. Braun print on yellow paper.

3222: Halfcrown, KIDDY CASH around 2’6. Grey plastic, 18mm

3223: Two Shillings, KIDDY CASH around 2/-. Grey plastic, 15mm

3224: Shilling, KIDDY CASH around 1’—. Grey plastic, 12mm

3225: Sixpence, KIDDY CASH around 6D. Grey plastic, 11mm

3226a: Threepence, KIDDY CASH around 3D. Yellow plastic, 11mm

3226b: Threepence, KIDDY CASH around 3D. Copper plastic, 11mm

3226c: Threepence, KIDDY CASH around 3D. Bronze plastic, 11mm

3227a: Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1D. Yellow plastic, 18mm

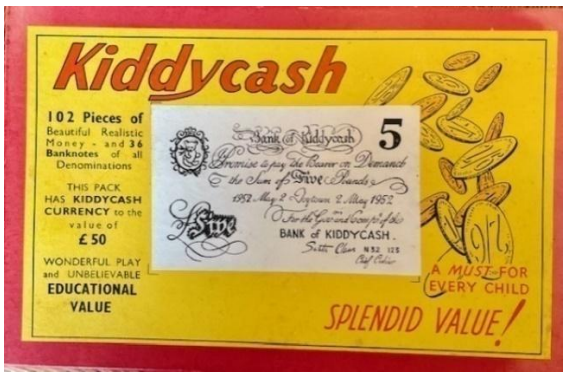
3227b: Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1D. Copper plastic, 18mm

3227c: Penny, KIDDY CASH around 1D. Dull bronze plastic, 18mm

3228a: Halfpenny, KIDDY CASH around 1’2D. Yellow plastic, 13mm

3228b: Halfpenny, KIDDY CASH around 1’2D. Copper plastic, 13mm

3228c: Halfpenny, KIDDY CASH around 1’2D. Dull bronze plastic, 13mm



24. PRE-DECIMAL, LINDA TOYTOWN CASH, “LINDA” ON TOP, ND

These coins are curious in that they are neither accurate copies of real coins nor are they wholly freelance designs. The obverse features a crowned girl (Princess Linda) and the legend LINDA TOYTOWN CASH, with HONG KONG in small letters below the bust. The reverses of each denomination are loose representations of Britain’s pre-decimal coinage and are a mixture of George V and Elizabeth II reverse types. Cecil Coleman in London was the possible distributor; they had a trademark “Linda” in 1959 for dolls and toys imported from Hong Kong, and the trademark found on these plastic tokens is similar to that of Coleman. Around 1965. Each £3-£5

3242: Halfcrown, not yet seen

3243: Two Shillings, Crown, freelance design. Grey plastic, 21mm

3244: One Shillings (SIC), crowned shield of three lions “English” Shilling Elizabeth II. Grey pl., 17mm

3245: Sixpence, three sprays of plant, a freelance copy of a Elizabeth II Sixpence. Grey plastic 15mm

3246: Threepence, thrift plant, a freelance copy of a Elizabeth II Threepence. Brass plastic, 17mm

3247: Penny, Britannia-like female seated facing. Bronze plastic, 23mm

3248: Halfpenny, ship sailing left. Bronze plastic, 18mm

25. PRE-DECIMAL, “LINDA CASH” AROUND VALUE, ND

A series of good quality, produced in Hong Hong as stated on the coins. The notes listed here may have been supplied with the pre-decimal plastic Linda Toytown cash (same manufacturer?). The Halfcrown and Farthing not yet found. All have “Linda Cash” as legend around the value in numerals. Cecil Coleman in London was the possible distributor; they had a trademark “Linda” in 1959 for dolls and toys imported from Hong Kong, and the trademark found on these plastic tokens is like that of Coleman. Around 1965. Each £3-£5

3250: Five Pounds, blue, in the style of the UK £5 note of the 1960s but with head of Princess Linda

3251: One Pounds, green, in the style of the UK £5 note of the 1960s but with head of Princess Linda

3252: Ten Shillings, brown, in the style of the UK £5 note of the 1960s, with head of Princess Linda

3253: Two Shillings, value as 2/-; rose between thistle as George VI. Grey plastic, 21mm

3254: Shillings, value as 1/-; Cr. shield as “English” Shilling QE II. Grey plastic, 17mm

3255: Sixpence, value as 6d; Four sprays of plants and flowers. Grey plastic, 14mm

3256: Threepence, value 3d; Portcullis and chains. Brassy plastic, 17mm

3257: Penny, value as 1D; Britannia seated right. Bronze plastic, 23mm

3258: Halfpenny, value as 1/2D; Ship sailing right. Bronze plastic, 18mm

26. PRE-DECIMAL, METTOY TOYTOWN, TINY, UNIFACE, ND

These are tiny uniface pieces all of which are now rare. They were supplied with the small Metty Toytown cash register. The 13mm diameter of these coins would be ideal for use in this cash register. Its drawer is divided into three compartments in which even a larger Kiddy Cash 1D at 17mm is difficult to remove. Only coins of around 13mm or less would be easy to use in this drawer.

Two different series exist: one in polystyrene (a: top row picture, sharper details) and a second set in polypropylene (b: bottom row picture, details less sharp).

Rare, likely many were lost given their small size……

A3260: Mettoy Toytown cash register, coloured plated metal, 74mm X 82mm X 82mm

3263a: Two Shillings, 2/- on obvers, reverse plain. Grey polystyrene plastic, 13mm

3263b: Two Shillings, 2/- on obvers, reverse plain. Grey polypropylene plastic, 13mm

3264a: Shilling, 1/- on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polystyrene plastic, 13mm

3264b: Shilling, 1/- on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polypropylene plastic, 13mm

3265a: Sixpence, 6D on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polystyrene plastic, 13mm

3265b: Sixpence, 6D on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polypropylene plastic, 13mm

3266a: Threepence, 3D on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polystyrene plastic, 13mm

3266b: Threepence, 3D on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polypropylene plastic, 13mm

3267a: Penny, 1D on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polystyrene plastic, 13mm

3267b: Penny, 1D on obverse, reverse plain. Grey polypropylene plastic, 13mm

Mettoy cash register (A3260). Mettoy was commonly known for their Corgi model cars.

27. PRE-DECIMAL, MERIT PLAY MONEY, BANK OF PLAYTOWN, ND

A set by J & L Randall Ltd under the brand “Merit”. The set includes two banknotes, plus one or two of four denominations, Sixpence to Halfcrown. Made from aluminium. Slight differences in dies used are known, especially in the beads at the rim. The banknotes are printed one side only, the coins both sides the same, with legend “for play purposes only” around the value in numerals. Two different sets are known, both very rare as intact sets.

3270a: One Pounds, orange, Bank of Playtown, with bearded man facing right. Signed C.A.Shier

3270b: One Pounds, blue, Bank of Playtown, with bearded man facing right. Signed C.A.Shier

3271a: Ten Shillings, green, as 2771a, value as 10/-. Signed C.A.Shier

3271a: Ten Shillings, orange, as 2771b, value as 10/-. Signed C.A.Shier

3272: Halfcrown, value as 2/6. Aluminium, 27mm

3273: Two Shillings, value as 2/-. Aluminium, 23mm

3274: Shilling, value as 1/-. Aluminium, 20mm

3275: Sixpence, value as 6d. Aluminium, 16mm

28. PRE-DECIMAL, PLAY MONEY-DECIMAL PLAY MONEY, DUAL VALUES, ND

A series clearly aimed at teaching children the decimal equivalents of the old imperial currency. Each coin is dual denominated with on the obverse the denomination in Imperial currency and on the reverse the equivalent decimal denomination.

On the obverse the value, PLAYMONEY above, and below the value in numeric the same spelled in words, with MADE IN HONG KONG in a smaller font below the value in words.

On the reverse the value, DECIMAL PLAYMONEY above, and NEW PENCE below the value. The reverses also have miniature illustrations based loosely on the design of the new decimal coins.

3285: Two Shillings / Ten New Pence, obv. 2/- , rev., crowned lion above 10. Silvered plastic, 28mm

3286: One Shilling / Five New Pence, obv. 1/-, reverse crowned thistle above 5. Silvered pl.,23mm

3287: 5 Pence / Two New Pence, obv. 5, reverse 3 plant stems above 2. Brown plastic, 26mm

3288: 2 ½ Pennies / One New Penny, obv. 2 1/2, reverse portcullis above 1. Brown plastic, 20mm

3289: One Penny / Half New Penny, obv. 1, reverse three stars above fraction. Brown plastic, 16mm

DECIMAL COINAGE

The decision to adopt decimal currency was announced in March 1966. As “D-Day” the date 15th February 1971 was chosen. Three denominations were launched before 1971: the Five – Ten – and Fifty Pence coins to run alongside the One Shilling, One Florin and Ten Shilling in circulation. On “D-Day” the Half New Penny, One New Penny, and Two New Pence were launched. The obverse portrait was by Arnold Machin, for coins minted with dates 1968 – 1984.

Below a short summary of the decimal coinage introduction, and changes in chronological order:

1968: the Five New Pence and Ten New Pence were issued for circulation,

1969: introduction of the 50 New Pence piece to circulate alongside the equivalent Ten Shilling,

1971: 15th February, the formal introduction of the decimal coinage system,

1982: removal of the word NEW on decimal coins,

1982: introduction of a new coin denominations, the Twenty Pence,

1983: introduction of the first non-precious metal One Pound coin,

1984: discontinuation of the Half New Penny denomination,

1985: portrait change, Obverse portrait by Raphael Maklouf: 1985 – 1997

1986: introduction of the Two Pound coin,

1990: introduction of the smaller sized Five Pence coin, 18mm

1992: Introduction of the smaller sized Ten Pence coin, 25mm

1997: introduction of the smaller sized 50 Pence coin, 27mm

1998: portrait change, obverse portrait by Ian Rank – Broadley: 1998 - 2022

1997: introduction of the Two Pound bi-metallic issue,

These changes were quite closely followed by toy coin manufacturers and distributers like Invicta, and Galt & Co, and also found in the series with “COPY” (series 95)

30. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, NCR, ND

Series by the National Cash Register company to familiarise cashiers and shop workers with the new decimal money. All coins have “A National Cash Register Decimal Training Aid” as legend around the value, with “NCR” below the value. These coins are of a high standard of manufacture, being crisply moulded and well finished. The design is the same on both sides.

3303: Fifty (New Pence) , reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 30mm

3305: Ten (New Pence), reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 28mm

3306: Five (New Pence), reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 24mm

3307: Two (New Pence), reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 26mm

3308: One (New Pence), reverse large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 20mm

3309: Half (New Pence), reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 17mm

31. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, DECIMAL TRAINING CENTRE, ND

This elusive series was likely produced to train shop staff in the run-up to decimalization. As per today only four denominations are known: three collectors each having one, and the piece in The Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, UK, ex Rogers' collection. The date on the coins is that of "D-Day" of decimalization: 15th February 1971 (as 15*2*71).

Obverse: in centre dTc (monogram), DECIMAL TRAINING above. Below the monogram the denomination in tiny lettering. Reverse: large numeral in centre, with XXX NEW PENCE above, and the date 15.2.71 below. All are extremely rare.

3315: Ten New Pence. Grey plastic, 24mm

3317: Two New Pence. Brassy plastic, 23mm

3318: One New Penny. Brassy plastic, 21mm

3319: Half New Pence. Brassy plastic, 19mm

33. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, INVICTA, "DECIMAL TOKEN COINS" , ND

This is one of the most readily available series of all. In has been in production since decimalization, sold both in toy shops (in small domestic play sets) and to educational suppliers such as Philip and Tacey, Hope Education and James Galt, each with their own set of banknotes. The coins mirror quite accurately the decimal coinage with all its changes in both denominations and sizes, over the period 1970 – 2000.

a. In the first series all denominations included the words Decimal Token Coin above the large value numeral of value on each denomination. They are labelled "a",
b. With the introduction of new coins 20 Pence and one Pound in the 1980s these new denominations bore a shortened inscription Token Coin. They are labelled "b",
c. When in the 1990s the 5 Pence and 10 Pence were greatly reduced in size pictorial designs were introduced. These are labelled "c",
d. Finally in 1998 when the bi-metallic £2-coin weas introduced a new plastic coin was manufactured from two different coloured plastics: a silver painted plastic centre was inserted into a brass-coloured plastic ring. The maker's name is on it: "Invicta play money two pounds" (twice) in small lettering between two beaded borders.

Two series of banknotes are known, the first in Galt & Co teacher boxes, the second in Invicta pretend – play boxes. The Galt & Co banknotes have DECIMAL CURRENCY TOKEN on top, a portrait of Queen Elizabth II in the centre, and FIVE POUNDS below. The value in numeral to the right,

The second set of banknotes are of a simpler design, BANK OF TOYLAND, with a schoolgirl in uniform to the right.

C3330a: Ten Pounds, orange print, uniface. 135mm X 75mm

D3330b: Five Pounds, green print, uniface. 135mm X 75mm

B3330d: Twenty Pounds, pink print, uniface. 135mm X 75mm

C3330e: Ten Pounds, orange print, uniface. 135mm X 75mm

D3330f: Five Pounds, green print, uniface. 135mm X 75mm

3331d: Two Pounds, £2 in large figures. Grey centre / brass plastic outer ring. 26mm

3332b: One Pound, £1 in large figures, Token Coin below. Brass plastic. 22mm

3333a: Fifty New Pence, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 29mm

3334b: Twenty Pence, 20 in large figures, Token Coin above. 21mm

3335a: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 28mm

3335c: (Ten Pence), Lion in centre, TOKEN COIN above, “10” below. Grey plastic, 23mm

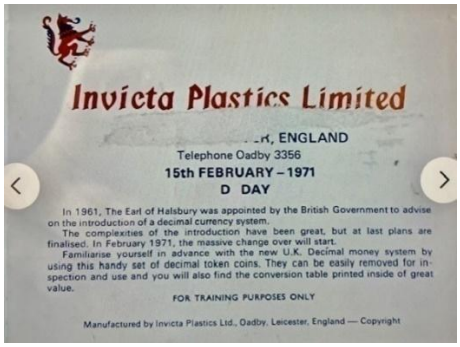
3336a: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 23mm

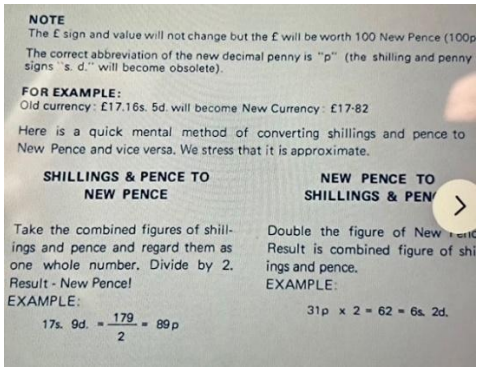
3336c: (Five Pence), Lion in centre, TOKEN COIN above, “5” below. Grey plastic, 18mm

3337a: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Pale brassy plastic, 26mm

3338a: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Pale brassy plastic, 20mm

3339a: Half New Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Pale brassy plastic, 17mm





NOTE
The £ sign and value will not change but the £ will be worth 100 New Pence (100p

The correct abbreviation of the new decimal penny is "p" (the shilling and penny signs "s. d." will become obsolete).

FOR EXAMPLE:
Old currency: £17.16s. 5d. will become New Currency: £17·82

Here is a quick mental method of converting shillings and pence to New Pence and vice versa. We stress that it is approximate.

SHILLINGS & PENCE TO NEW PENCE

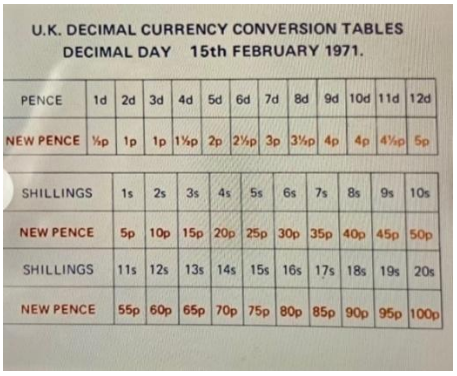
Take the combined figures of shillings and pence and regard them as one whole number. Divide by 2. Result - New Pence!
EXAMPLE:

$$17s.\ 9d. = \frac{179}{2} = 89p$$

NEW PENCE TO SHILLINGS & PEN

Double the figure of New Pen
Result is combined figure of shi
ings and pence.
EXAMPLE:

31p × 2 = 62 = 6s. 2d.



U.K. DECIMAL CURRENCY CONVERSION TABLES
DECIMAL DAY 15th FEBRUARY 1971.

PENCE	1d	2d	3d	4d	5d	6d	7d	8d	9d	10d	11d	12d
NEW PENCE	½p	1p	1p	1½p	2p	2½p	3p	3½p	4p	4p	4½p	5p

SHILLINGS	1s	2s	3s	4s	5s	6s	7s	8s	9s	10s
NEW PENCE	5p	10p	15p	20p	25p	30p	35p	40p	45p	50p
SHILLINGS	11s	12s	13s	14s	15s	16s	17s	18s	19s	20s
NEW PENCE	55p	60p	65p	70p	75p	80p	85p	90p	95p	100p

34. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, INVICTA, "DECIMAL TOKEN COINS" ONE SIDE, "PLAY MONEY" THE OTHER SIDE, ND

Almost the same as above, but on one side the text above reads PLAY MONEY (instead Decimal Token Coin on both sides). Only two denominations seen. Why these were produced & if other denominations exists is yet unknown.

3347: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre, PLAY MONEY above. Pale brassy plastic, 26mm

3348: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre, PLAY MONEY Pale brassy plastic, 20mm

35. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, COIN TOKEN EDUCATIONAL, ND

A series widely used at schools, offered via suppliers of educational materials before issuing their own coins the Early Learning Centre sold this series in packaging bearing their own brand name. On the obverse the words COIN TOKEN in a rectangle with rounded corners, NEW PENCE above, and the numeral below the rectangle. On the reverse EDUCATIONAL over a horizontal diamond shape and the words DECIMAL COIN TOKEN surrounding. The Five Pence comes in the (a) old – and the smaller (b) new size. One can assume also a smaller sized 10p exists but not yet seen. The 20p and £1 were added later and have a slightly different design. Sold from 1971 onward.

A single denomination banknote is part of this series: a £1 / 100 New Pence note. Printed in green, 156mm X 63mm

E3350: On Pound, green print on white paper. Value “£1” - “100 NEW PENCE”. 156mm X 63mm

3352: One Pound, obverse ONE POUND above rectangle, value £1. Brass plastic, 22mm

3353: Fifty New Pence, obverse 50 at the bottom. Grey plastic, 30mm

3354: Twenty Pence, obverse 20 at the bottom. Grey plastic, 22m

3355: Ten New Pence, obverse 10 at the bottom. Grey plastic, 28mm

3356a: Five New Pence, obverse 5 at the bottom. Grey plastic, 23mm

3356b: Five New Pence, obverse 5 at the bottom. Grey plastic, 17mm

3357: Two New Pence, obverse 2 at the bottom. Bronze plastic, 25mm

3358: One New Pence, obverse 1 at the bottom. Bronze plastic, 20mm

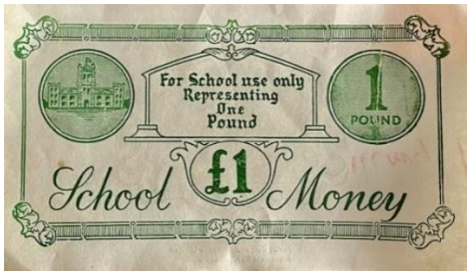
3359: Half New Pence, obverse ½ at the bottom. Bronze plastic, 17mm

37. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, GALT TOYS, TOKEN COIN IN STRAIGHT LINE, ND

Found in boxes of James Galt & Co these coins were widely used at schools. The obverse is the same as the reverse: a large numeral in the centre, the word TOKEN COIN in a straight line, with NEW PENCE above. Sold from 1971 well into the mid-1990s.

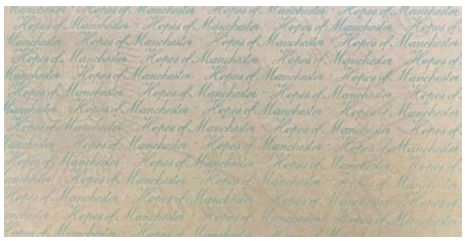
These coins were most likely produced by Invicta: see series 33 for similar pieces. The One Pound and Two Pound pieces are clearly by Invicta, and the later banknotes DECIMAL CURRENCY TOKEN from the same source as well,.

Throughout the years Galt & Co issued different designs of banknotes to go with the boxes. All have fantasy designs. A few varieties are pictured.



E3370a, obverse and reverse

E3370b, obverse and reverse



D3370c and C3370c **Hope of Manchester in raster**

E3370a: One Pound, SCHOOL MONEY, green print both sides, 155mm X 88mm

E3370b: One Pound, SCHOOL MONEY, green print both sides, 150mm X 70mm

C3370c: Ten Pounds, DECIMAL CURRENCY TOKEN, brown print. 158mm X 92mm

D3370c: Five Pounds, DECIMAL CURRENCY TOKEN, blue print. 144mm X 76mm

3371: Two Pounds, £2 in large figures. Silver coloured centre / brass plastic outer ring. 26mm

3372: One Pound, £1 in large figures, Token Coin below. Brass plastic. 22mm

3373: Fifty New Pence, large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 30mm

3374: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. Large 20 in centre. Grey plastic, 22mm

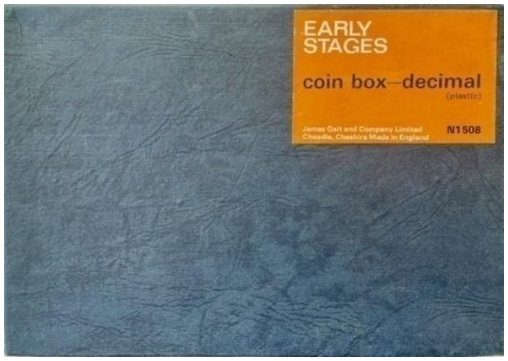
3375: Ten New Pence, large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 28mm

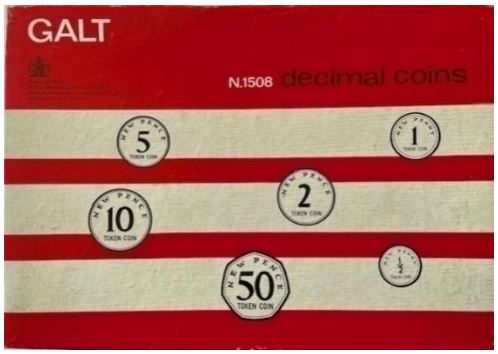
3376: Five New Pence, large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 23mm

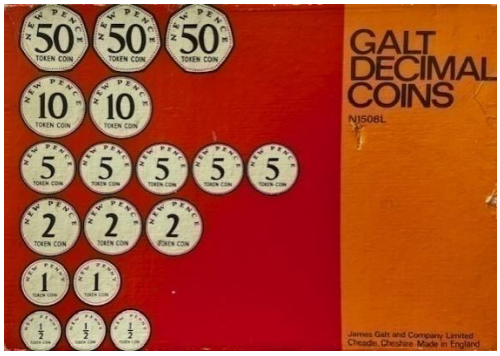
3377: Two New Pence, large 2 in centre. Bronze plastic, 26mm

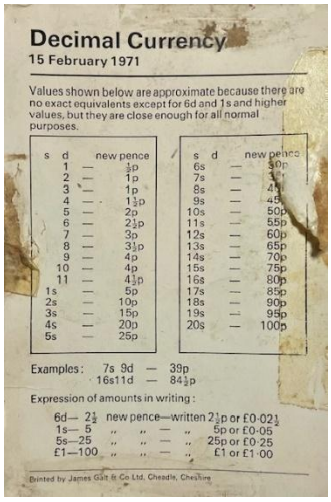
3378: One New Pence, large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 20mm

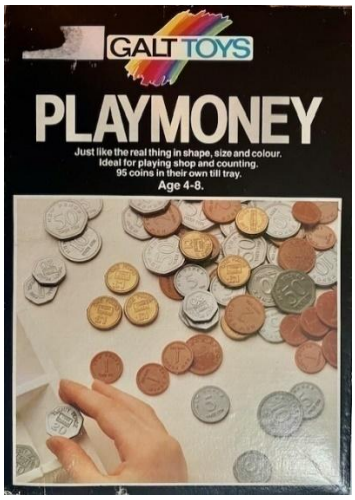
3379: Half New Pence, large ½ in centre. Bronze plastic, 17mm

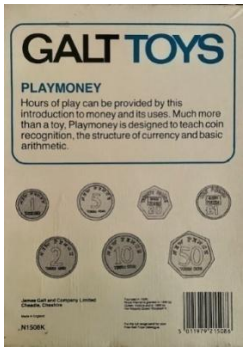












39. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, E. J. ARNOLD, TWO LOGOS, "TOKEN COIN" CURVED LINE, ND

From an unknown maker, distributed by E.J. Arnold, the coins are easily recognisable for the two logos at each side of the numeral.

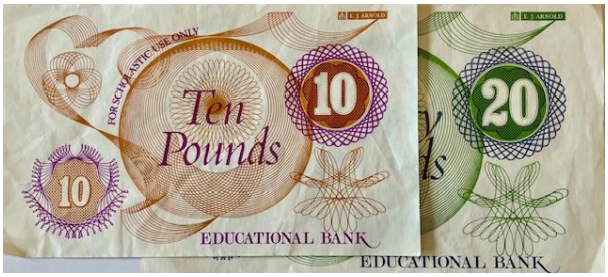
Banknotes to this series have in the top left margin SCHOOL MONEY, in the centre the value in words (" Fifty Pounds" etc) in two lines, LEARNING RESOURCES, and THIS IS NOT LEGAL TENDER.

A3390: Fifty Pounds, the Bank of England building and bewigged person.

B3390: Twenty Pounds, Sir Humpfrey Davy with his lamp

C3390: Ten Pounds, Florence Nightingale in hospital

D3390: Five Pounds, locomotive "Rocket".



A second set of banknotes was found in the teacher box, picture of the box below. The four banknotes are oversized, printed in two colours, one – side, and all with "EDUCATIONAL BANK" at the bottom, to the right, and a small E.J. Arnold name and logo top right.

B3391: Twenty Pounds, green and blue, 202mm X 128mm

C3391: Ten Pounds, orange and purple, 193mm X 117mm

D3391: Five Pounds, blue, 176mm X 106mm

E3391: One Pound, green, 159mm X 96mm

3392: One-pound, yellow plastic, 20mm

3393: Fifty New Pence, 7 slightly curved sides, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 26mm

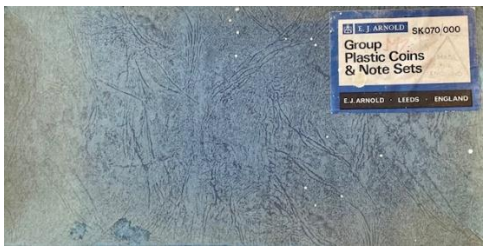
3395: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 24mm

3396: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 22mm

3397: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 23mm

3398: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 22mm

3399: Half New Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 17mm



Teacher' box, 310mm X 155mm X 45mm

40. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, BRAVERY PRINCE, ND

A seldom seen series, probably only available for a fairly short time. These coins are of a similar style and composition of the PRINCESS SUSIE coins: note the straight sided 50p common to both series. All coins have on the obverse a crowned prince facing BRAVERY above, PRINCE below. On the reverse the value in numbers with NEW PENCE above, and HONG KONG below.

3403: Fifty New Pence, 7 straight sides, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 26mm

3405: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 24mm

3406: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 22mm

3407: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 23mm

3408: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 22mm

3409: Half New Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 17mm

41. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, PRINCESS SUSIE WOOLBRO, ND

These coins seem to have been produced by the same maker as the BRAVERY PRINCE coins; note the straight sided 50p common to both series. Each coin has on the obverse a crowned girl, ¾ right, with PRINCESS above, and SUSIE below. On the reverse large numerals in centre, with NEW PENCE above, and WOOLBRO below. For the 5 – 50 New Pence pieces two varieties exits: in (a) silver plastic, and (b) in silver painted plastic.

A second series with the denomination in PENCE (the word NEW dropped) exists.

D3410: Five Pound, purple, obverse in oval to left crowned girl 3/4 right. To right: £5 – 500 NEWPENCE. At the top within the frame PLAY MONEY, under the value BANK OF PRINCESS SUSIE. On the reverse in circle to the left £5 – 500 NEW PENCE. On ribbon above PLAY MONEY. Under the word PRINCESS is the signature of Princess Susie. Below the circle to the right MADE IN HONG KONG.

E3410: One pound, green, as 2651 but £12-100 NEW PENCE £5 purple

3413a: Fifty New Pence, 7 straight sides, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 26mm

3413b: Fifty New Pence, 7 straight sides, reverse large 50 in centre. Silver painted plastic, 26mm

3415a: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 24mm

3415b: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Silver painted plastic, 24mm

3416a: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 22mm

3416b: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Silver painted plastic, 22mm

3417: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 23mm

3418: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 22mm

3419: Half New Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 17mm

42. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, PRINCESS BUST TO THE LEFT IN WREATH, "PLAY MONEY" ON TOP, "NEW PENCE" BELOW, ND

These series were made in China and were in 2000-2010 readily availble in British toy shops, markets and newsagents, in a wide variety of packaging. Below list will be far from complete but gives a good indication on these series.

There are at least three different series of banknotes. The earlier one, set a, is the BANK OF TOY £10 and £5 notes, the second set, set b, states BANK OF PLAYMAKERS pictures a rather "chubby" princess in place of the queen, each 120mm X 44m, , and a third banknote set, set c, reads BANK OF A TO Z., value in white circle in the centre, scroll patterns to either side. Each 95mm X 42mm.

The coins have the same reverses as of the above set of the Castle Bank series and are presumably by the same maker. Like the Chad Valley sub series these coins here have an extrusion mark at the edge of the rim (not at the centre of the edge) and mostly with further extrusion marks in the fields of the reverses, either to the left, or to the right of the value. The obverse has in the centre a crowned woman (Elizabeth II-ish) facing left. The reverse has the value in numerals and at either side of the numeral are leaf decorations. PLAY MONEY above, NEW PENCE below. District ornaments on each side of the values.

Different sets of banknotes were included by the various distributors : below a selection.

BANK OF PLAYMONEY

C3420a: Ten pounds, crowned prince seated like Britannia. Brown and yellow, 120mm X 64mm.

D3420a: Five pounds, crowned prince seated like Britannia holding sceptre. Blue and black, 120mm X 77mm

SCHOOL MONEY

A3420b: Fifty pounds, caricature Sr. Christopher Wren with St. Pauls Cathedral, black on white

B3420b: Twenty pounds, caricature Michael Faraday, lecturing

C3420b: Ten pounds, caricature Charles Dickens with cricket match

D3420b: Five pounds, caricature Geirge Stephenson with locomotive and railway bridge

BANK OF PLAYMAKERS – 100mm X 44mm, all black on white

A3420c: Fifty pounds, “chubby” princess, Sir Christopher Wrenn caricature with St. Paul’s cathedral

B3420c: Twenty pounds, cross-eyed caricature Michael Faraday and him lecturing

C3420c: Ten pounds, “chubby” princess, caricature Charles Dickens, with cricket match

D3420c: Five pounds, “chubby” princess, caricature George Stephenson with locomotive and bridge

THE TOY COINS TO ABOVE BANKNOTES

3422: One Pound. Pale brass plastic, 22mm

3423: Fifty New Pence, 7 sided. Grey plastic, 30mm

3424: Twenty Pence. Grey plastic. The word “NEW” is not included.

3424: Twenty New Pence, 7 sided. Grey plastic, 21mm

3425: Ten New Pence. Grey plastic, 28mm

3426: Five New Pence. Grey plastic, 23mm

3427: Two New Pence. Pale brass plastic, 26mm

3428: One New Penny. Pale brass plastic, 20mm

SETS IN WHICH THESE BANKNOTES AND COINS HAVE BEEN FOUND – LIKELY MORE EXIST

- David Halsall, package scarlet, pale blue, or blue vertical stripes
- Dekker Toys
- Fun Bank, Play Money, (Playmakers, Scarborough)
- Kiddy Cash Playmoney (Ackerman Group PLC, London)
- Link Play Toy (David Halsall)
- My Toy, (David Halsall)
- Padgett Brothers, A to Z
- Peterkin
- Pick A Toy, (Junior Play Time Ltd)
- Playmakers, Just For Kids
- Playmakers, Fun Bank
- Play Money Set, (M.C.)
- S.B. Toys
- Speelgeld (with Dutch banknotes….)

Not only a variety of play sets for the UK…….but also found in a set with Dutch play notes…..

43. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, "NEW PENCE" ON TOP, "PLAY MONEY" BELOW, PRINCESS BUST TO THE LEFT IN WREATH, ND

Quite like the above set #42 and presumably by the same maker. Most clear difference is NEW PENCE above, PLAY MONEY below the value numbers. District ornaments on each side of the values. A blister pack states “TOY BOX.

The Twenty Pence piece has NEW PENCE, and made of either (a) silver plastic, or (b) brassy plastic, the last very different to the Twenty Pence number 3424 above.

The obverse has in the centre a crowned woman (Elizabeth II-ish) facing left. The reverse has the value in numerals and at either side of the numeral are leaf decorations.

For banknotes are known, each in multiple colours, with a crowned princess in a medallion to the right. All the same format, 84mm X 42mm, uniface.

A3430c: Fifty pounds, pink and black as main colours.

B3430c: Twenty pounds, purple and black as main colours.

C3430c: Ten pounds, brown and black as main colours.

D3430c: Five pounds, blue and black as main colours.

3432: One Pound. Pale brass plastic, 22mm

3433: Fifty New Pence, 7 sided. Grey plastic, 30mm

3434a: Twenty New Pence, 7 sided. Grey plastic, 21mm

3434b: Twenty New Pence, 7 sided. Brassy plastic, 21mm

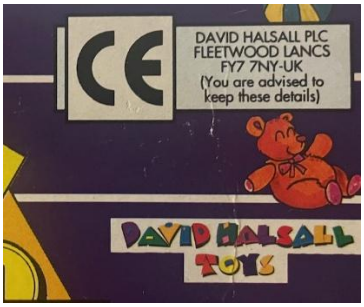
3435: Ten New Pence. Grey plastic, 28mm

3436: Five New Pence. Grey plastic, 23mm

3437: Two New Pence. Pale brass plastic, 26mm

3438a: One New Penny. Pale brass plastic, 20mm

3438b: One New Penny. Pale brass plastic, 17mm



44. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, PRINCESS BUST SIMPLIFIED, LESS DETAILED, FACING LEFT IN WREATH

Compared to the previous series the portrait on these pieces is rather unflattering. Obverse: denomination on top, large number in the centre, “PLAY MONEY” below. Reverse: bust, wreath below. Only below four coin denominations, plus four banknotes, in an originally closed plastic bag (no label attached unfortunately) . The banknotes £5 - £50 as a small booklet glued together for

tear-off on the short-side. All banknotes the same dimensions 83mm X 44mm, and close but not the same as B3430c – B3430c. (design prince right less detailed etc.).

A few single One New Penny pieces with slight differences are known.

A3440c: Fifty pounds, pink and black as main colours.

B3440c: Twenty pounds, purple and black as main colours.

C3440c: Ten pounds, brown and black as main colours.

D3440c: Five pounds, blue and black as main colours.

3442: One Pound. Pale brass plastic, 21mm

3444: Twenty New Pence, 7 sided. Grey plastic, 19mm

3446: Five New Pence. Grey plastic, 23mm

3448a: One New Penny. Pale brass plastic, 17mm

3448b: One New Penny. Gold lacquered plastic, small leaves, 17mm

3448c: One New Penny. Grey plastic, 17mm

45. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, TOY TOWN "HONG KONG" BESIDES VALUE NUMERAL, "DECIMAL TOKEN COIN" IN CURVED LINE ON TOP, ND

These coins seem to have been produced by the same maker as the Princess Susie and Bravery Prince coins. Although the 50 New Pence in this set has curved edges like the real coin and not the straight sides common to both the other series, they are linked to the same Hong Kong maker using heavy silver paint on the 5 – 10 and 50 New Pence pieces. Two different sets of banknotes : (a) of the same design apart from the words TOY BANK rather than Princess Susie, and (b) colourfulNoddy Playmoney, Edith Blyton designs.

The coins have a large numeral in the centre, with DECIMAL TOKEN COIN above. On the reverse the design is closely to the real coins, with HONG KONG besides the numeral at the bottom. Some of the silver painted coins are on yellow plastic whilst some are on grey plastic. There are many colour variations in the brown plastic. Some are quite opaque whilst others are almost transparent.

A packing in cellophane is known which included two banknotes:

D3430a: Five pounds – Five Hundred New Pence, printed one – sided in pink

E3430a: One pound – One Hundred New Pence, printed one – sided in green

The same coins but different banknotes in an Enid Blyton "Noddy" Play Money set:

D3430b: Five pounds – Five Hundred New Pence, printed one – sided multi - colour

E3430b: One pound – One Hundred New Pence, printed one – sided multi - color

3453a: Fifty New Pence, large 50 in centre. Reverse: Brittania seated facing right. Silvered pl., 26mm

3453b: Fifty New Pence, large 50 in centre. Reverse: Brittania seated facing right. Grey plastic. 26mm

3454: Twenty Pence. Silver plastic. The word "NEW" is not included. Silvered pl., 22m

3455: Ten New Pence, large 10 in centre. Reverse: lion walking to left. Silvered plastic, 24mm

3456: Five New Pence, large 5 in centre. Reverse: crowned thistle. Silvered plastic, 22mm

3457: Two New Pence, large 2 in centre. Reverse: Prince of Wales feathers. Brassy plastic, 23mm

3458: One New Pence, large 1 in centre. Reverse: crowned portcullis. Brassy plastic, 22mm

3459: Half New Pence, large ½ in centre. Reverse: crown. Brassy plastic, 17mm

47. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, "LINDA" ON TOP, "TOYTOWN CASH" BELOW, HONG KONG, ND

These coins provide a link with both the pre-decimal Linda Toytown Cash and the later MC Toytown Cash following. The coins are more sharply cast than most of the MC types but they are not as well made as the pre-decimal series. All coins have on the obverse a crowned girl, ¾ left,*LINDA* above, TOYTOWN CASH below and in smaller letters HONG KONG below the bust. On the reverse the value

in numbers with DECIMAL TOKEN COIN above, and NEW PENCE below the value. For coins with the words Hong Kong obliterated replaced by means of raised dots see next series, numbers 3483 – 3489.

3473: Fifty New Pence, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 29mm

3475: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 29mm

3476: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 23mm

3477: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 26mm

3478a: One New Pence, obv. HONG KONG close to shoulder, rev. large 1 in centre. Brassy pl., 20mm

3478b: One New Pence, obv. HONG KONG clear of shoulder, rev. large 1 in centre. Brassy pl., 20mm

3479: Half New Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 17mm

48. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, "MC" ON TOP, "TOYTOWN CASH" BELOW, HONG KONG, OBLITERATIONS, ND

These coins continue the MC types but are much less sharply cast than the earlier MC series. There is an attempt to obliterate the words HONG KONG by means of raised dots placed variously over two, three or four letters. The rims of this MC set are generally clumsy in appearance, being far too thick.

The coins bear the portrait of a crowned girl ¾ left, MC TOYTOWN CASH . Below the portrait (part) obliterated HONG KONG. Reverse large value in centre, DECIMAL TOKEN above, NEW PENCE below

This series confirms the relationship between the MC types and the earlier Linda types in that the word LINDA can be seen below the letters MC on some of the coins (most obviously on the Ten Pence coins).

Varieties:

1. pieces with HONG KONG totally removed and only the raised dots remain.
2. Crudely produced varieties of the 50 Pence coins including irregular sized letters
3. Coins with only CM removed

The banknotes which accompanied these coins are Bank of Toys notes. They loosely imitate 1970s Bank of England notes but have a young prince's head replacing that of the queen. Crowned prince seated like Brittania but holding sceptre. Tiny letters HONG KONG below the seated prince

C3480: Ten pounds, brown and flesh, 120mm X 64mm

D3480: Five pounds, blue and black, 120mm X 77mm

E3480: One pound, green and blue, 120mm X 64 mm

3483: Fifty New Pence, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 29mm

3485: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 29mm

3486: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 23mm

3487: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 26mm

3488: One New Pence, obverse stars close to MC, rev. large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 20mm

3488b: One New Pence, obverse stars well wide of MC, rev. large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 20mm

3489: Half New Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 17mm.

Text varieties seen, others no doubt exist :

Fifty New Pence: * * *, M*C* / * * *, M C /*ONG *ON*, MC scraped off / *ONG *ON*

Ten New Pence: *ONG *ON* / *ON* KON*

Five New Pence: *ON* *ON* / *ONG *ON*

Two New Pence: *ONG ONG* / *ONG ONG*

One New Penny: *ONG *ONG / H*N* KON* / HON* * /H * * / H** *

Half New Penny: H*NG *ONG / H*NG KON* / *ONG K*NG / *ONG *O*G / H*NG KO*G

50. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, "PLAY MONEY" BELOW BUST, ND

An early series of decimal plastic coins featuring a crude profile of Queen Elizabeth II, PLAY MONEY below. On the reverse a numeric medium-sized, and NEW PENCE above. Not sure if used at schools or in toy games, no original package yet seen. Other denominations likely exist.

3503: Fifty New Pence, reverse medium sized 50 in centre. Round flan. Yellow brassy plastic, 29mm

3505: Ten New Pence, reverse medium sized 10 in centre. Yellow brassy plastic, 29mm

51. DECIMAL, NEW PENNY, MERIT, “FOR PLAY PURPOSES ONLY” ON TOP, ND

A pre-decimal series of aluminium toy money was made by Merit with the same inscription FOR PLAY PURPOSES ONLY. All these pre-decimal types were made of aluminium. This decimal series also has the silver coins, 10p and 5p, in aluminium, with the bronze coins produced in brassy plastic. The coins have on both sides a large number in the centre, FOR PLAY PURPOSES ONLY on top, and NEW PENNY, or NEW PENCE below. Two banknotes are known, similar to those listed in series 27, but including a new denomination of £5 (next to the £1 note).

D3510: Five Pounds, dark blue, Bank of Playtown, with bearded man facing right. Signed C.A.Shier

E3510: One Pound, green, Bank of Playtown, with bearded man facing right. Signed C.A.Shier

3515: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Aluminium, 25mm

3516: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Aluminium, 20mm

3517: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 23mm

3518: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 18mm

3519: Half New Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 15mm

55. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, BLUEBIRD TOYS, ND

This series was sold as part of sweetshop, mini market sets, tills, and in the Polly Pocket range. Manufacturer was Songbird Ltd, of Swindon. The coins were supplied as cast attached to their moulding strips containing the five known denominations, so unlikely others exist. Two banknotes are known, with a simple one – coloured design.

D3550: Five pounds, printed in blue. Bust of a man with crossed arms, value “£5” to the right. 103mm X 56mm

E3550: One pound, printed in green. Bust of a crowned woman, value “£1” to the right. 85mm X 50mm

Coins have on the obverse BLUEBIRD TOYS, above the numerals in centre, and NEW PENCE below. The reverse shows the bluebird logo with a birdlike sketch above the letter “I”.

3553: Fifty New Pence, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 23mm

3555: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 22mm

3556: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 18mm

3557: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Bronze plastic, 20mm

3558: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Bronze plastic, 20mm

56. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, CASTLE BANK, ND

A series which was widely sold at various outlets, in blister – packs and boxes. It is considered the forerunner of the Queen and wreath series as it has the same obverse design. The coins have on the reverse a castle and towers in the centre, and a wreath below. Above are the words CASTLE BANK. On the obverse the value in numerals with an ornament at each side, PLAY MONEY above, and NEW PENCE, PENCE or ONE POUND below the numeral. The banknotes have nice designs of British Industrial products from the Seventies…..

B3560: Twenty pounds, printed multi – coloured both sides. 162mm X 88mm

C3560: Ten pounds, printed multi – coloured both sides. 152mm X 85mm

D3560: Five pounds, printed multi – coloured both sides. 147mm X 76mm

3562: One Pound, reverse £1 in centre. Pale brass plastic, 22mm

3563: Fifty New Pence, reverse 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 30mm

3564: Twenty Pence, reverse 20 in centre. Grey plastic, 21m

3565: Ten New Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 28mm

3566: Five New Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 23mm

3567: Two New Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Pale brass plastic, 26mm

3568: One New Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Pale brass plastic, 20mm

58. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, RUBBER ERASERS, 1968, 1971 AND 1983

An unusual series of toy-or play money made from rubber and sold as erasers. Included in this catalogue as likely also used in pretend – or shopping games. Only two denominations have been found, both in a variety of colours. Some bear HONG KONG, others MADE IN JAPAN: possibly two separate series. For the advanced specialist in toy-money…..

C3580a: Ten pounds, series E New. Rubber, 68mm X 36mm

D3580a: Five pounds, series E New. Rubber, 68mm X 36mm

A3580b: Fifty pounds, series F. Rubber, 68mm X 38mm

B3458b: Twenty pounds, series F. Rubber, 68mm X 38mm

C3580c: Ten pounds, series G. Rubber, 50mm X 25mm

D3580c: Five pounds, series G. Rubber, 50mm X 25mm

3583a: Fifty New Pence, 7-sided, 1969/1983. MADE IN JAPAN. Gold coloured rubber, 36mm

3583a: Fifty New Pence, 7-sided, 1969/1983. MADE IN JAPAN. Silver coloured rubber, 36mm

3585a: Ten New Pence, 1971. HONG KONG below bust. Blue rubber, 54mm

3585b: Ten New Pence, 1971. HONG KONG below bust. Green rubber, 54mm

3585c: Ten New Pence, 1971. HONG KONG below bust. Yellow rubber, 54mm

3585d Ten New Pence, 1968/1983. MADE IN JAPAN on obverse. Gold coloured rubber, 40mm

3585e Ten New Pence, 1968/1983. MADE IN JAPAN on obverse. Silver coloured rubber, 40mm

59. DECIMAL, NEW PENCE, PLDZ, WALLSALL, 2003

A series with three banknotes from different series, plus three coins in two versions: (a) silver plastic, and (b) brassy plastic. These come from a closed blister-pack without any additional nomination in the sets found it is assumed no other denominations exist**.** The blister pack carries the year 2003, well beyond the year 1982 when "NEW" was dropped from the denominations, yet "NEW" on both the Ten – and Five Pence piece hence listed as part of the NEW PENCE section. The banknotes all are like the real banknotes but with SPECIMEN printed diagonally. A peculiar set….

B3590: Twenty Pounds, series F. SPECIMEN in bold letter diagonal.

C3590: Ten Pounds, series E New. SPECIMEN in bold letter diagonal

D3590: Five Pounds, series E. SPECIMEN in bold letter diagonal

3594a: Twenty Pence, 2003, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 24mm

3594b: Twenty Pence, 2003, 7-sided. Brassy plastic, 24mm

3595a: Ten New Pence, round. Grey plastic, 28mm

3595b: Ten New Pence, round. Brassy plastic, 28mm

3596a: Five New Pence, round. Grey plastic, 20mm

3596b: Five New Pence, round. Brassy plastic, 20mm

DECIMAL COINAGE, PENCE, WITHOUT THE WORD "NEW" ON COINS

In 1982 it was assumed the British population had got used to the decimal system, and the word "NEW" on coins superfluous. Below the various changes from 1982 onward:

1982: removal of the word NEW on decimal coins,

1982: introduction of a new coin denominations, the Twenty Pence,

1983: introduction of the first non-precious metal One Pound coin,

1984: discontinuation of the Half New Penny denomination,

1985: portrait change, the Queens' portrait by Raphael Maklouf: 1985 – 1997

1986: introduction of the Two Pound coin,

1990: introduction of the smaller sized Five Pence coin, 18mm

1992: Introduction of the smaller sized Ten Pence coin, 25mm

1997: introduction of the smaller sized 50 Pence coin, 27mm

1997: introduction of the Two Pound bi-metallic issue,

1998: portrait change, the Queens' portrait by Ian Rank – Broadley: 1998 - 2022

These changes were quite closely followed by toy coin manufacturers and distributers like Invicta, and Galt & found back in the series with "COPY" (series 95)

60. DECIMAL, PENCE, PRINCESS SUSIE WOOLBRO, ND

A later series to the previous with the denomination as PENCE (the word NEW dropped), so after 1982. The Halfpenny is still included. The coins have on the obverse a crowned girl, ¾ right, with PRINCESS above, and SUSIE below the bust. On the reverse the value in numerals, with PENCE above, and WOOLBRO below.

Two banknotes have been found in a heat-sealed plastic packaging. They are of simple design, with the portrait of princess Susie to the right, and the denomination as £5 – 500 New Pence / £1 – 100 New Pence. Colour varieties exist.

D3600: Five Pounds, light pink. 155mm X 68mm

E3600: One Pound, green. 115mm X 55mm

3603: Fifty Pence, reverse large 50 in centre. Grey plastic, 25mm

3605: Ten Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 21mm

3606: Five Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 20mm

3607: Two Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brassy plastic, 22mm

3608: One Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Brassy plastic, 19mm

3609: Half Pence, reverse large ½ in centre. Brassy plastic, 17mm

61. DECIMAL, PENCE, "CB" LOGO IN CENTRE, "CASDON" ABOVE AND "TOYS" BELOW LOGO, FIRST SERIES, ND

These Casdon toy coins were produced by Cassidy Brothers at their factory near Blackpool. There are two series, the first of which feature a CB monogram within a diamond shape, the word CASDON TOYS appearing at 12 and 6 O'clock. On the reverse is a large numeral of value but no words nor design of any kind. Given the "old" / larger sizes these would have been NEW PENCE. Four denominations of the first series are known and have been the only four encountered in Casdon pretend play sets and the only four that are labelled on the Casdon Coin Sorter so likely the are the only coin denominations produced. Four banknotes have been used as part of this series: all printed one – sided in green, all the same size, and with values both left and right of a picture of a castle in the centre. "THE BANK OF / TOYTOWN" above and below.

A3610: Two Hundred, green print

B3610: One Hundred, green print

C3610: Fifty, green print

D3610: Twenty - five, green print

3615: Ten (New) Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 28mm

3616: Five (New) Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 23mm

3617: Two (New) Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brown plastic, 25mm

3618: One (New) Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Brown plastic, 20mm

62. DECIMAL, PENCE, CASDON TOYS, "PLAY CASH" BELOW, SECOND SERIES

This second series of toy – coins was marketed via different distributers, with different sets of bsanknotes (a) nice one-sided copies of the 1980's U.K. banknotes with Specimen printed diagonal, (b) Royal bank of SCotland, with "CASDON" and PLAYCASH" left, or (c) the Pound signs and "Pounds" in words removed and replaced by "BANK". The coins are in the shapes and sizes of the real coins, in high quality. A "golden" one penny is frequently found in plastic coins accumulations: no doubt for a separate pretend set but no other denomination like this one penny piece.

This second series of Casdon coins feature a long horizontal irregular hexagon. The CB monogram forms an integral part of this shape to the left. Within the rest of the shape is the name CASDON. Above and below this shape are fancy scrollwork patterns. On the reverse is a value in numerals above which is the value in words in PENCE (NEW is dropped). Below the value in words are the words PLAY CASH.

The series (a) banknotes encountered in a blister-pack are of mixed issues. The £50 and £20 are of the 1993 modified issue (1993), the £10 and £5 from the 1999 – 2000 issue. All have SPECIMEN in thin letters to the left of the obverse and are uniface.

The series (b) banknotes were found in sets in plastic with a cardboard label with "PLAY CASH" on top, the coins in their original plastic casted moulding.

The series (c) banknotes were found in a pretend play shop till including an uncut sheet of banknotes 3621, £5, £10 and £20. These banknotes are with a wigged gentleman to the right, “BANK” in the centre, and “CASDON” with “PLAYCASH” to the left. All are printed in shades of brown, size 70mm X 35mm once cut from the sheet.

This second Casdon series has been sold extensively to schools via major educational suppliers.

A3620: Fifty Pounds, series F. 80mm X 42mm

B3620: Twenty Pounds, series F. 76mm X 36mm

C3620: Ten Pounds, series E New. 72mm X 44mm

D3620: Five Pounds, series E New. 68mm X 32mm

B3621: Twenty Pounds. Serial number A/35 626257. 70mm X 35mm

C3621: Ten Pounds. Serial number B/37 68420370mm X 35mm

D3621: Five Pounds. Serial number A/7 995217. 70mm X 35mm

3622: One Pound, reverse £1 in centre. Pale brass plastic, 22mm

3623: Fifty Pence, reverse 50 in centre. Silver plastic, 30mm

3624: Twenty Pence, reverse 20 in centre. Grey plastic, 22m

3625: Ten Pence, reverse large 10 in centre. Grey plastic, 24mm

3626: Five Pence, reverse large 5 in centre. Grey plastic, 17mm

3627: Two Pence, reverse large 2 in centre. Brown plastic, 26mm

3628a: One Pence, reverse large 1 in centre. Brown plastic, 20mm

3628b: One Penny, round. Shiny, gold coloured plastic, 20mm

63. DECIMAL, PENCE, THIRD SERIES, VERSION WITHOUT PENCE, CASDON, ND

This third series of coins was manufactured in a plastic mould, traces of which are easily found examining the coin rims. The coins were used in different packs, marketed by various companies. Some include copies of English banknotes, or with fantasy designs.

A play set called “Casdon Pix & Mix till with these coins was found including two banknotes 3631, with value “5” and value “10”. Both are printed one – sided in black.

A3630: Fifty Pounds, series E New but green as main colour

B3630: Twenty Pounds, series E New, but yellow as main colour

C3630: Ten Pounds, series E new but purple as main colour

D3630: Five Pounds, series E new, but pink as main colour

C3631: Ten Pounds. Large “10” in centre, “CASDON” top left, and a toy train bottom right

D3631: Five Pounds, Large “10” in centre, “CASDON” top left, and a teddy bear bottom right.

3632: One (Pound). Pale brass plastic, 22mm

3633: Fifty (Pence), 7 sided. Grey plastic, 30mm

3634: Twenty (Pence), 7 sided. Grey plastic, 21mm

3635: Ten (Pence). Grey plastic, 28mm

3636: Five (Pence). Grey plastic, 23mm

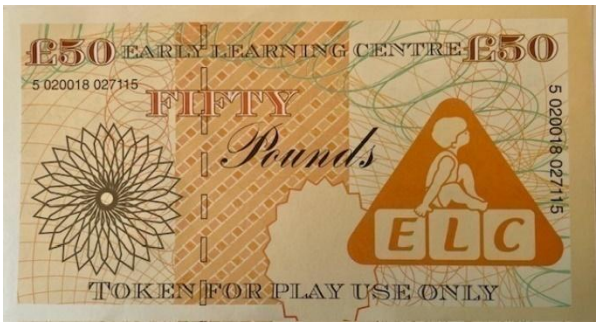
3637: Two (Pence). Pale brass plastic, 26mm

3638: One (Penny). Pale brass plastic, 20mm

64. DECIMAL, PENCE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE BANK (ELC), FIRST SERIES, ND

These coins have been sold by the Early Learning Centre chain since c. 1990. They are of a high quality of moulding and finish. The obverse bears the trademark of the Early Learning Centre – a child sitting atop three building blocks bearing the initials ELC, all within a triangular. The reverse shows the value in numerals, and in words above the numerals. As these were produced over many years it is likely different series were issued with minor changes. The smaller 10 Pence and 5 Pence were in the later series 3655 and 3656.

The following notes are multi-coloured, looking much like the real notes including security devices and with differing geometric shapes at the lower right of each note. All with a friendly looking lion at the lower right of each note.



EA640b: Fifty pounds lower left an orange triangle. 152mm X 85mm

B3640b: Twenty pounds, at the lower left a mauve/grey square. 145mm X 80mm

C3640b: Ten pounds, at the lower left a large orange triangle. 132mm X 72mm

D3640b: Five pounds, at the lower left a green and grey circular shape. 130mm X 71mm

3641: Two Pounds, “BI-METALLIC” look

3642: One Pound. Brass plastic, 22mm

3643: Fifty Pence. Grey plastic, 30mm

3644: Twenty Pence. Grey plastic, 22mm

3645: Ten Pence. Grey plastic, 28mm

3646: Five Pence. Grey plastic, 23mm

3647: Two Pence. Brown plastic, 26mm

3648: One Penny. Brown plastic, 20mm

65. DECIMAL, PENCE, EARLY LEARNING CENTRE BANK (ELC), SECOND SERIES, ND

A second series by the Early Learning Centre, all coins with smaller diameter. They are of a high quality of moulding and finish. The obverse bears the trademark of the Early Learning Centre – a child sitting atop three building blocks with depressed ELC. The reverse shows the value in numerals, and in words above the numerals. As these were produced over many years it is likely different series were issued with minor changes in letter sizes, fonts, and colours of plastic.

B3650a: Twenty pounds, purple. 150mm X 83mm

C3650a: Ten pounds, brown. 150mm X 83mm

D3650a: Five pounds, bright blue. 133mm X 70mm

3651: Two Pounds, “BI-METALLIC” look

3652: One Pound. Brass plastic, 22mm

3653: Fifty Pence. Grey plastic, 27mm

3654: Twenty Pence. Grey plastic, 20mm

3655: Ten Pence. Grey plastic, 24mm

3656: Five Pence. Grey plastic, 18mm

3657: Two Pence. Brown plastic, 26mm

3658: One Penny. Brown plastic, 17mm

66. DECIMAL, BANK OF PETITE, NO DENOMINATION, ND (circa 1995)

These coins are only with the numerals to indicate the denomination, on both sides. The notes which were printed to accompany these coins were certainly aimed at the British toy market and were supplied with a toy bank marketed by Petite hence the allocation as British Toy Coins.

The banknotes have BANK OF PETITE at the top margin. To the left of the central area TWENTY POUNDS (or TEN, FIVE), to the right of the central area the value in bold numbers. The notes are signed by MR. PETITE as CHIEF CASHIER.

The coins have numerals of value in a bold, thick font, same both sides. Three denominations have been found in a Petite toy bank set: not likely that others exist.

B3660: Twenty pounds, black on green and blue, 80mm X 39mm

C3660: Ten pounds, black on orange and brown, 80mm X 39mm

D3660: Five pounds, black on blue and violet, 80mm X 39mm

3662: 100 (Pence), brassy yellow plastic, 25mm

3663: 50 (pence), brassy yellow plastic, 22m

3665: 10 (pence), brassy yellow plastic, 18mm

67. DECIMAL, PENCE, BANK OF TESCO, ND

A series with the clear name and logo of British supermarket Tesco. Not certain if these were made for pretend -, play-, or educational purpose. Three varieties are known, (a) with £ sign and BANK OF TESCO above value, (b) with the name TESCO in centre, or (C) with the word COPY in raised letters.

All banknotes with “BANK OF TESCO” on top, value in numerals top left – and right. Printed both sides with the same design, on plasticized paper.

A3670: Fifty Pounds, multi-colour orange. Serial number FR1199617. 144mm X 78mm

B3670: Twenty Pounds, multi-colour purple. Serial number FR 1199617. 140mm X 77mm

C3670: Ten Pounds, multi-colour pink. Serial number EU 6851044. 138mm X 75mm.

D3670: Five Pounds, multi-colour green. Serial number HA 7689638. 130mm X 70mm

All coins with “BANK OF TESCO” above the £ or TESCO logo, and “BANK” below.

3671a: Two pounds, round, bi-metallic look. Pale silver centre with yellow plastic ring. 30mm

3672a: One Pound, round. Yellow plastic, 23mm

3673a: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 30mm

3674a: Twenty Pence, 5-sided. Grey plastic, 23mm

3675a: Ten Pence, round. Grey plastic, 24mm

3676a: Five Pence, round. Grey plastic, 18mm

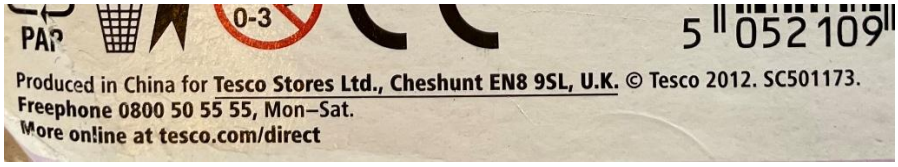
3676b: Five Pence. Grey plastic, 18mm

3677a: Two Pence, round. Brown plastic, 25mm

3678a: One Penny, round. Brown plastic, 20mm

3678b: One Penny. Brown plastic, 20mm

3678c: One Penny. Silver plastic, 20mm



68. DECIMAL, LETTERBOX CLUB – BOOK TRUST, ND

Only two denominations known, but likely others exist. Both are neatly executed coins with stylised portrait of the Queen, and text “LETTERBOX CLUB – BOOK TRUST” near the rim.

3681: Two Pounds, round, yellow with centre silver coloured bi-metallic look. 30mm

3683: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. White plastic, 29mm

69. DECIMAL, PENCE, BANK OF CAROUSSEL, ND

Most likely produced by the same manufacturer as the previous two series, the coins are similar in make-up and style to the above two series. The obverse has the value in numerals and in text above, the reverse with the Carousel logo in the centre, with BANK OF CAROUSEL above and below the logo.

Three banknotes are known, printed in colour on thick plasticised paper, printed both sides the same. BANK OF CAROUSEL and the logo on each banknote.

B3690: Twenty Pounds, multi-colour pink. 138mm X 75mm

C3690: Ten Pounds, multi-colour orange, number 138mm X 75mm

D3690: Five Pounds, multi-colour green, number HA 7689638. 138mm X 75mm

3691: Two Pounds, round, yellow with centre silver coloured bi-metallic look. 30mm

3692: One Pound, round. Yellow plastic, 23mm

3693: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. White plastic, 29mm

3694: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. White plastic, 22mm

3695: Ten Pence, round. White plastic, 23mm

3696: Five Pence, round. White plastic, 18mm

3697: Two Pence, Round. Brown plastic, 25mm

3698: One Penny, round. Brown plastic, 20mm

70. DECIMAL, PENCE, LITTLE SHOP KEEPER, TOYS R US, ND

Most likely produced by the same manufacturer in China as the previous series for Tesco, the coins are similar in make-up and style. Found in blister pack distributed by Toys R Us. On the obverse the value in numerals below, in words above. On the reverse the little shop logo, encircled with this from side to side.

A3690: Fifty Pounds, multi-colour green. 138mm X 75mm

B3690: Twenty Pounds, multi-colour yellow. 138mm X 75mm

C3690: Ten Pounds, multi-colour purple. 138mm X 75mm

D3690: Five Pounds, multi-colour red. 138mm X 75mm

3702: One Pound, round. Yellow plastic, 23mm

3703: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 30mm

3704: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 23mm

3705: Ten Pence, round. Grey plastic, 25mm

3706: Five Pence, round. Grey plastic, 18mm

3707: Two Pence, Round. Brown plastic, 25mm

3708: One Penny, round. Brown plastic, 20mm

71. DECIMAL, PENCE, BANK OF CAROUSSEL - BANK OF FUN, ND

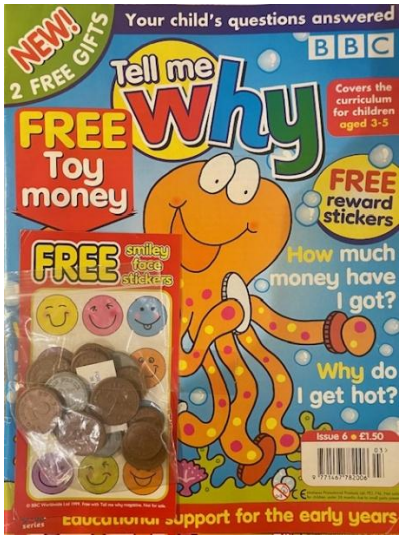
A second Carousel series, with additional BANK OF FUN. All three values known with only numerals, no denominations ("Pence, pound"). Possible other denominations exist as well.

3711: Two (Pounds)s round, brown plastic, 21mm

3712: One (Pound), round. Brown plastic, 21mm

3713: Fifty (Pence), round. Brown plastic, 21mm

72. DECIMAL, PENCE, BBC, VALUE IN WORDS CURVED ABOVE AND -UPSIDE DOWN – BELOW, ND



These coins were given as a gift with the Tell Me Why magazine, published by the BBC, issue 6, June 2000. They were produced by Matthews Promotional Products, Peterborough. No related banknotes are known. Large number in centre, value in letters above and inverted below.

3723: Fifty Pence, 7-sided value in letters only above, not inverted below. Grey plastic, 30mm

3724: Twenty Pence, 7-sided, value in letters only above, not inverted below. Grey plastic, 24mm

3725: Ten Pence, round. Grey plastic, 26mm

3726: Five Pence, round. Grey plastic, 20mm

3727: Two Pence, round. Brown plastic, 27mm

3728: One Pence, round. Brown plastic, 22mm

73. DECIMAL, PENCE, MR. LUCKY BAGS, 1996

Toy coins in the shape and sizes of the British decimal coins, but with LUCKEES as denomination. Likely used for so-called lucky bags, from which children at parties could draw a present from a bag filled with presents. Included here as clearly distributed for use in Great Britain.

3732: One Hundred Luckees, yellow-brown plastic, 28mm

3733: Fifty Luckees, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 30mm

3734: Twenty Luckees, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 21mm

3735a: Ten Luckees, round. Grey plastic, 21mm

3735b: Ten Luckees, round. Brown plastic, 21mm

3736: Five Luckees, round. Grey plastic, 18mm

3737: Two Luckees, round. Brown plastic, 17mm

3738: One Luckees, round. Brown plastic, 15mm

74. DECIMAL, PLAY MONEY, ND

A series with only four denominations known, others will exist. Some with – others without "New Pence". Both sides the same.

3743: Fifty (Pence), 7-sided value "50" with "PLAY MONEY" above. Grey plastic, 30mm

3744: Twenty (Pence), 7-sided, value "20" with "PLAY MONEY". Grey plastic, 24mm

3745: Ten Pence. Large "10" in centre, "TEN PENCE". Grey plastic, 26mm

3747: Two (Pence). Large "2" in centre, "PLAY MONEY". Brown plastic, 27mm

75. DECIMAL, PENCE, TTS – RM EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, ND

Series by RM Educational Resources, Abington, suppliers of school materials. The banknotes are of the 1960 banknote designs all with SPECIMEN printed diagonally. On the back in small letters at the bottom "Product code: MA03429" and TTS logo. The coins bear the T.T.S. trademark. On the obverse the value in bolt numbers, at rim circle of ornaments. On the reverse a large crown in centre, the letters T.T.S above, the value in letters below. Both the One Pound and Two Pound are "bi-metallic". Full value in words below crown, only "P" on the other side.

The banknotes are printed one side in full coloured, on the backside in one colour only. The obverse is like the original bankno51mmtes, with “SPECIMEN” printed diagonally in black capital letters. On the reverse “Product Code: MA 03429” and coloured TTS logo. All the same size 98mm X

A3750: Fifty Pounds, red

B3750: Twenty Pounds, purple

C3750: Ten Pounds, orange

D3750: Five Pounds, green

3751: Two Pounds, round, yellow with centre silver coloured bi-metallic look. 30mm

3752: One Pound, round. Yellow with centre silver coloured bi-metallic look. 23mm

3753: Fifty P(ence), 7-sided. White plastic, 29mm

3754: Twenty P(ence), 7-sided. White plastic, 22mm

3755: Ten P(ence). Grey plastic, 28mm

3756: Five P(ence), round. White plastic, 18mm

3757: Two P(ence). Brown plastic, 25mm

3758: One P(enny). Brown plastic, 20mm

77. DECIMAL, MR. MEN POST OFFICE, ND

From a post office set based on UK well-known mrs and mr series children books.

D3770: Five Pounds, multi-colour red. Mr. Snooty right facing left. 105mm X 53mm

C3770: One Pounds, multi-colour purple. Mr. Slow left. 105mm X 53mm

The coins are known in three colours, (a) orange, (b) blue, and (c) green. All have on the obverse a large number and “PENCE” below, the reverse with characters from the mrs and mr series children books : 10 Pence = Little miss Busy, 5 Pence = little miss Giggles, 2 Pence = Mr. Strong, 1 Penny = Mr. Daydream

3775a: Ten Pence, round. Orange plastic, 30mm

3775b: Ten Pence, round. Blue plastic, 30mm

3775c: Ten Pence, round. Green plastic, 30mm

3776a: Five Pence, round. Orange plastic, 25mm

3776b: Five Pence, round. Blue plastic, 25mm

3776c: Five Pence, round. Green plastic, 25mm

3777a: Two Pence, Round. Orange plastic, 25mm

3777b: Two Pence, Round. Blue plastic, 25mm

3777c: Two Pence, Round. Green plastic, 18mm

3778a: One Penny, round. Orange plastic, 18mm

3778b: One Penny, round. Blue plastic, 18mm

3778c: One Penny, round. Green plastic, 20mm

78. DECIMAL, PENCE, SPECIMEN, ND

A modern play set with four denomination coins, from thick grey plastic. Obverse with a large numeral, text in circle, and “SPECIMEN” below. Reverse “SPECIMEN” over full width of the coin, two horizontal lines above and below, and a double – circle around. No packaging yet found.

3785: Ten Pence. Grey plastic, 25mm

3786: Five Pence. Grey plastic, 20mm

3787: Two Pence. Grey plastic, 20mm

3788: One Penny. Grey plastic, 20mm

79. DECIMAL, PENCE, GALT PLAY MONEY, “GALT TOYS” ONE SIDE, ND

A modern play set with eight denomination coins plus four banknotes. The coins are imitating mostly circulation coins but without a portrait. Instead both sides with a large numeral with the value in text above, GALT TOYS on one side below, and PLAY MONEY the other side below.The Two Pound and One Pound on very thick “bi-metallic” plastic.

The bank notes have BANK OF GALT on top, a picture of a crowned princess to the right, and the value in numerals top left and top right. All are multi-coloured and printed both sides.

A3790: Fifty Pounds, red

B3790: Twenty Pounds, purple

C3790: Ten Pounds, orange

D3790: Five Pounds, green

3791: Two Pounds, round, yellow with centre silver plastic bi-metallic look. 30mm

3792: One Pound, 12-sided, yellow with centre silver plastic bi-metallic look. 25mm

3793: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. White plastic, 29mm

3794: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. White plastic, 22mm

3795: Ten Pence, round. White plastic, 23mm

3796: Five Pence, round. White plastic, 18mm

3797: Two Pence, Round. Brown plastic, 25mm

3798: One Penny, round. Brown plastic, 20mm

81. DECIMAL, PENCE, LEARNING RESOURCES,

A series representing the last series portrait Queen Elizabeth II, on slightly oversized flans. The portrait in stylized form, the reverse like the currency as well, all dated 2011. LEARNING RESOURCES around the portrait.

These coins were available in several pretend-, and in shop sets. All very common.

The banknotes are all in multi-colour printing, with an animal to the right. Value in £ in bold top-left corner, plus in letters mid-field to the left. All are 120mm X 70mm.

A3810: Fifty Pounds, pink print with fish.

B3810: Twenty Pounds, purple print with turtle.

C3810: Ten Pounds, orange print with tiger.

D3810: Five Pounds, green print with peacock.

3811: Two pounds. Bi-metallic gold coloured rim with silver coloured centre plastic. 20mm

3812: One Pound. Brass plastic, 25mm

3813: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 31mm

3814: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 24mm

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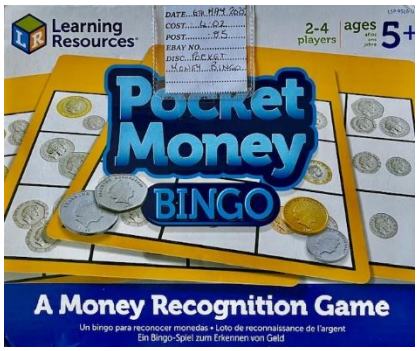
3817: Two Pence, round. Brown plastic, 29mm 3818: One Penny, round. Brown plastic, 23mm



82. DECIMAL, PENCE, POP TO THE SHOPS, ORCHARD TOYS, ND

From a toy game set with three denomination coins, from grey plastic. The 50 and 20 Pence are both seven – sided, with the obverse the same as the reverse. The 10 Pence on the obverse has a large number 10, with “TOKEN COIN” above, and “TEN PENCE” below. The reverse a simplified crowned lion to the left, “TOKEN COIN” above, and a small number 10 below the lion.

3823: Fifty Pence. Grey plastic, 27mm

3824: Twenty Pence. Grey plastic, 21mm

3825: Ten Pence. Grey plastic, 24mm

83. DECIMAL, FIRST SERIES UGLY HEAD QUEEN "PLAY MONEY" ON TOP, ND

Series by the BBC – Peppa Pig. The banknotes are all printed in one colour only, size 81mm X 42mm

B3830: Twenty Pounds, purple print with crowned girl to the right.

C3830: Ten Pounds, blue print with crowned girl to the right

D3830: Five Pounds, green print with crowned girl to the right

3832: One (Pound). Brassy plastic, 25mm

3833: Fifty (Pence), 7-sided. Grey plastic, 26mm

3834: Twenty (Pence), 7-sided. Grey plastic, 20mm

3835: Ten (Pence). Grey plastic, 25mm

3836: Five (Pence). Grey plastic, 17mm

3837: Two (Pence). Grey plastic, 29mm

3838: One (Penny). Grey plastic, 21mm

84. DECIMAL, PENCE, HALSALL, SECOND SERIES UGLY HEAD QUEEN PLAY MONEY, PENCE ON TOP

Series manufactured in China, distributed in the UK by Halsall, with a slightly different head with a more friendly portrait. This series include the smaller sized newer 10 and 5 Pence pieces, the Two Pound piece, but not the one Penny, nor the two Pence. Above- or besides the portrait the words PLAY MONEY. On the reverse the value in numerals and a crown, with the valuation in numerals on top.

The same picture of a crowned queen facing left on the four bank notes. BANK OF PLAYHOUSE on top, the value in numerals top left, and in text top centre. A serial number on each vertically right, plus horizontally at the left. Multi-coloured, all the same size 105mm X 45mm.

A3840: Fifty Pounds, shades pink and blue. Serial number GK35 458682

B3840: Twenty Pounds, shades purple and blue. Serial number AA45 232358 (as £10)

C3840: Ten Pounds, shades orange and blue. Serial number AA45 232358 (as £20)

D3840: Five Pounds, shades blue. Serial number DB12 2579128

3841: Two pounds. Brassy plastic. 30mm

3842: One Pound. Brassy plastic, 22mm

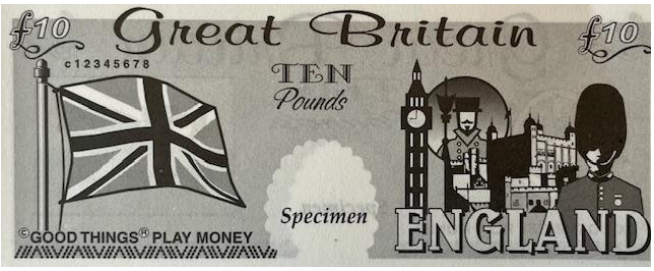
3843: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 27mm

3844: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 21mm

3845: Ten Pence. Grey plastic, 24mm

3846: Five Pence. Grey plastic, 17mm

85. DECIMAL, PENCE, GOOD THINGS GREAT BRITAIN, ND



From a Chinese manufacturer in a blister – pack with address of a Florida, U.S.A. based distributor, and in a blister - pack with a U.K. price – tag……..This series pictures a stylised tower guardsman, or stylised guardsman head. Four black – and white banknotes with similar stylised figures. These were issued glued together at the small end as sets. Each note the Big-Ben, Tower Bridge, Guards to the left. Value top left and top right. Bottom left “GOOD THINGS PLAY MONEY”.

A3850: Fifty Pounds, black print, English flag to the right, and value £50,

B3850: Twenty Pounds, black print, as A3850 but Scottish flag, and value £20

C3850: Ten Pounds, black print, as A3850 but Welsh flag, and value £10

D3850: Five Pounds, black print, as A3850 but English flag, and value £5

3852a: One Pound. Grey plastic, 20mm

3852b: One Pound. Brass plastic, 20mm

3853: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 24mm

3855: Ten Pence, round. Grey plastic, 22mm

3858: One Penny, round. Brown plastic, 18mm

87. DECIMAL, PENCE,GEEVAX , BEAD CIRCLE, 2005 AND 2008

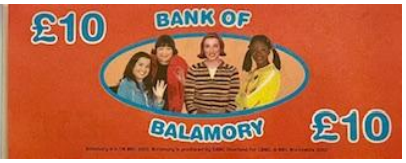
Manufactured in China, the Thomas & Friends set distributed by Geevay Ltd. Series issued with two different sets of banknotes : (a) banknotes Bank of Balamory (BBC), 2005, and (b) banknotes Thomas & Friends. All coins the value as “P”, value in numerals in centre, bearded circle at edge. Both sides the same.

B3870: Twenty Pounds, purple print, value “20” top – left

C3870: Ten Pounds, blue print, value “10” top – left

D3870: Five Pounds, green print, value “5” top – left

Banknotes Bank of Balamory in multi – colours, one - sided



C3871a: Ten Pounds, multi - coloured, value “10” top – left and bottom – right.

D3871a: Five Pounds, multi - coloured, value “5” top – left and bottom – right.

D3871c: Five Pounds, printed in blue only, value “5” top – left and bottom – right.

Banknotes Thomas & Friends, single colour, one - sided

B3871b: Twenty Pounds, green, value “20” on top

C3871b: Ten Pounds, red, value “10” on top

D3871b: Five Pounds, blue, value “5” on top

3872: One Pound (as £1). Brassy plastic, 23mm

3873: Fifty P(ence), 7 - sided. Pale grey plastic, 26mm

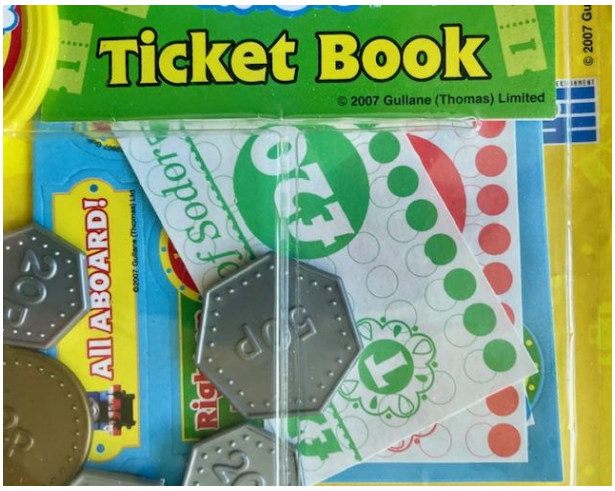
3874: Twenty P(ence), 7 - sided. Pale grey plastic, 20mm

3875: Ten P(ence). Pale grey plastic, 22mm

3876: Five P(ence). Pale grey plastic, 15mm

3877: Two P(ence). Bronze plastic, 24mm

3878: One P(ence). Bronze plastic, 18mm



88. DECIMAL, PENCE, BEAD CIRCLE BY PREMIUM WORLD, 2008

Series issued with banknotes Bank of CBeebies, 2008. (dates on notes). All coins the value as “P”, value in numerals in centre, bearded circle at edge. Both sides the same.

Banknotes printed one – sided in two colour print. All with “BANK OF CBEEBIES” on top, large value to the right, and value in letters below the face of a crowned Smily. Multi – coloroud.

A3870: Fifty Pounds, green print, value “£50” to the right

B3870: Twenty Pounds, purple print, value “£20” to the right

C3870: Ten Pounds, orange print, value “£10” to the right

D3870: Five Pounds, blue print, value “£5” to the right

3882: One Pound (as £1),, round. Brassy plastic, 21mm

3883: Fifty P(ence), 7 - sided. Pale grey plastic, 24mm

3884: Twenty P(ence), 7 - sided. Pale grey plastic, 13mm

3885: Ten P(ence), round. Pale grey plastic, 20mm

3886: Five P(ence), round. Pale grey plastic, 15mm

3887: Two P(ence), round. Bronze plastic, 22mm

3888: One P(ence), round. Bronze plastic, 18mm

90. DECIMAL, PENCE, BRITISH LIBRARY SET, SUMMIT FINANCIAL PRODUCTS INC, 1998, 2000

A series in which the 50 Pence piece issued to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the British Public Library. The coins are high quality copies of coins in circulation, with a simplified portrait of the Queen, but all with PLAY MONEY, and none with indication in Pence: only the numerals appear on each coin except the two Pound denominations: £1 and £2.

Banknotes all in multi – colour, with a castle to the left, a crown to the right, with the value in letters and numbers on the top. Reverse in dark grey print, calligraphy, and name of the manufacturer with 2001 copyright.

A3900: Fifty pounds, printed multi – coloured both sides. 138mm X 78mm

B3900: Twenty pounds, printed multi – coloured both sides. 138mm X 79mm

C3900: Ten pounds, printed multi – coloured both sides. 140mm X 80mm

D3900: Five pounds, printed multi – coloured both sides. 138mm X 83mm

3901: Two Pounds, bi-metallic look, 1998, 29mm

3902: One Pound. Brassy plastic, 22mm

3903: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 27mm

3904: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 21mm

3905: Ten Pence, round. Grey plastic, 25mm

3906: Five Pence, round. Grey plastic, 18mm

3907: Two Pence, round. Brown plastic, 26mm

3908: One Penny, round. Brown plastic, 21mm

DECIMAL, PENCE, COPY, DATED 1978 TO 2010

At least seven series are known with the portrait of the Queen with “COPY” in raised letters. These might be from one manufacturing source, but thew seven series were found in different closed packings, and hence each are a complete series by themselves.

These series each typically have a mix of the three known portraits of Queen Elizabeth. Some, not all, of the series are in a mix of colours. The 10 Pence has mostly been seen in the larger, old diameter, the 5 Pence only in the smaller, new diameter……

All coins have PENCE as denomination, including the Arnold Machin portrait ones which should have NEW PENCE as text……..

The three different portraits of Queen Elizabeth II are by:

a. Arnold Machin, 1971 – 1984
b. Raphael Maklouf, 1985 – 1997
c. Ian Rank - Broadley, 1998 – 2022

Arnold Machin **Raphael Maklouf** **Ian Rank – Broadley**

Banknotes: printed one side only, on white paper. Design like the originals series E and G. 108mm X 48mm one sided specimen diagonal before portrait, play money diagonal left plus left bottom

A3920: Fifty Pounds, varieties seen in blister packs, series E and G

B3920: Twenty Pounds, varieties seen in blister packs series E, E New and G

C3920: Ten Pounds, varieties seen in blister packs series E, E New and G

D3920: Five Pounds, varieties seen in blister packs series E New and G

91. DECIMAL, PENCE, COPY, DATED 1981 TO 1997, FINISH IN GOLD COLOUR

All coins from a light-weight metal, possibly aluminium, with a finish that give a “gold” look. This series has both the 5 – and 10 pence in the small size. See below series 92, from the same manufacturer, all coins the same portraits, dates and diameters.

3911: Two Pounds, 1997, 29mm

3912: One Pound, 1983, 22mm

3913: Fifty Pence, 7-sided, 1997, 27mm

3914: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. 1982, 21mm

3915: Ten Pence, 1992, 23mm

3916: Five Pence, 1990, 18mm

3917: Two Pence, 1993, 26mm

3918: One Penny, 1981, 21mm

92. DECIMAL, PENCE, COPY, 1981 TO 1997, FINISH IN SILVER COLOUR

From the same manufacturer at series 91, with the same portraits, dates, and diameters. All coins from a light-weight metal, possibly aluminium, with a finish that give a “silver” look. This series has both the 5 – and 10 pence in the small size.

3921: Two Pounds, 1997, 29mm

3922: One Pound, 1983, 22mm

3923: Fifty Pence, 7-sided, 1997, 27mm

3924: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. 1982, 21mm

3925: Ten Pence, 1992, 23mm

3926: Five Pence, 1990, 18mm

3927: Two Pence, 1993, 26mm

3928: One Penny, 1981, 21mm

93. DECIMAL, PENCE, COPY, 1996 TO 2005, PLAYWRITE LTD, BROWN AND GREY COLOUR

A set marketed by Playwrite Ltd, likely manufactured by the same company as series 91 – 92. Banknotes in full colour one side printed, “PLAYMONEY” diagonally to the left, and with serial numbers vertically to the right., All size 107mm X 47mm

A3930: Fifty Pounds, serial number K20 179283

B3930: Twenty Pounds, serial number BA34 197842

C3930: Ten Pounds, serial number BK13 9351§08

D3930: Five Pounds, serial number HB11 810721

3931: Two Pounds. Brown plastic, 2004, 29mm

3932: One Pound. Brown plastic, 1996, 22mm

3933: Fifty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 1997, 27mm

3934: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 2005, 21mm

3935: Ten Pence. Grey plastic, 2004, 25mm

3936: Five Pence. Grey plastic, 2005, 18mm

3937: Two Pence. Grey plastic, 2005, 16mm

3938: One Penny. Grey plastic, 2004, 21mm

94. DECIMAL, PENCE, HGL STERLING MONEY PLAYSET, 2003

A modern set with coins in grey plastic. The 5 Pence piece has the Queens' portrait by Raphael Maklouf, the others the portrait by Ian Rank – Broadley. All with date but barely readable as if attempted to remove from the mould.

The banknotes look like the original notes as well, Sets have been found incorporating a 1983 "Faint Facsimile" One Pound coin, possibly a separate set. The One Penny and Two Pence exist also in brown plastic. The HGL blister pack carries the date 2003.

The banknotes printed in full colours both sides, with "TOY SPECIMEN" on both sides, horizontally, in bold letters. All 82mm X 44mm

A3940: Fifty Pounds, serial number 0123456789

B3940: Twenty Pounds, serial number 0123456789

C3940: Ten Pounds, serial number 0123456789

D3940: Five Pounds, serial number 0123456789

3943: Fifty Pence, 2002, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 27mm

3944: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. Grey plastic, 21mm

3945: Ten Pence, 2003. Grey plastic, 23mm

3946: Five Pence, 1996. Grey plastic, 18mm

3947: Two Pence, 1999. Grey plastic, 26mm

3948: One Penny, 1991. Grey plastic, 21mm

95. DECIMAL, PENCE, HENBRANDT LTD

There are three sets known with the name Henbrandt Ltd, Ipswich, UK on the packing. All three have the same banknotes, but the coins with different dates.

The four banknotes are printed one side only, in full colour, resembling the original banknotes, but all with “PLAYMONEY” vertically left, and at the bottom left corner. All the same size, 107mm X 48mm.

A3950: Fifty Pounds

B3950: Twenty Pounds

C3950: Ten Pounds

D3950: Five Pounds

The two Pounds, one Pound, two Pence and one Penny with a “golden” finish, all others with a “silver” finish. Quite like the coins from series 91 and 92, and series 96 and 97, likely by the same manufacturer. Only the date might tell which series a piece belongs…..

3951: Two Pounds, 2001, 29mm

3952: One Pound, 1983, 22mm

3953: Fifty Pence, 7-sided, 2002, 27mm

3954: Twenty Pence, 7-sided. 2005, 21mm

3955: Ten Pence, 1997, 23mm

3956: Five Pence, 1996, 18mm

3957: Two Pence, 1994, 26mm

3958: One Penny, 1997, 21mm

96. DECIMAL, PENCE, HENBRANDT LTD, SECOND SERIES

There are three sets known with the name Henbrandt Ltd, Ipswich, UK on the packing. All three have the same banknotes, but the coins with different dates.

The four banknotes are as per above series 95.

Coins: the two Pounds, one Pound, two Pence and one Penny with a “golden” finish, all others with a “silver” finish. Quite like the coins from series 91 and 92, and series 95 and 97, likely by the same manufacturer. Only the date might tell which series a piece belongs…..

3961: Two Pounds, gold, 2004, 29mm

3962: One Pound, gold, 1996, 22mm

3963: Fifty Pence, silver, 7-sided, 1997, 27mm

3964: Twenty Pence, silver, 7-sided. 2005, 21mm

3965: Ten Pence, silver, 2004, 23mm

3966: Five Pence, silver, 2005, 18mm

3967: Two Pence, gold, 2005, 26mm

3968: One Penny, gold, 2004, 21mm

97. DECIMAL, PENCE, HENBRANDT LTD, THIRD SERIES

There are three sets known with the name Henbrandt Ltd, Ipswich, UK on the packing. All three have the same banknotes, but the coins with different dates.

The four banknotes are as per series 95.

The two Pounds, one Pound, two Pence and one Penny with a “golden” finish, all others with a “silver” finish. Quite like the coins from series 91 and 92, and series 95 and 96, likely by the same manufacturer. Only the date might tell which series a piece belongs…..

3971: Two Pounds, gold, 2010, 29mm

3972: One Pound, gold, 1983, 22mm

3973: Fifty Pence, silver, 7-sided, 1997, 27mm

3974: Twenty Pence, silver, 7-sided. 2003, 21mm

3975: Ten Pence, silver, 1992, 23mm

3976: Five Pence, silver, 1997, 18mm

3977: Two Pence, gold, 1978, 26mm

3978: One Penny, gold, 2001, 21mm

99. DECIMAL, PENCE, SINGLE PIECES FROM SETS

Below a few pieces likely part of a full set but as per today only a single, or a few pieces known. For the next update of the catalogue – anyone with more info or pieces do write!

Another lonely denomination……. hopefully more know next edition of this publication

A neat plastic coin. The current owner suspects this might be a shopping-trolley token rather than play money. Information welcome!

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